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SHOWDOWN!

— Ampol Cup final, and then the big one

Australia must beat New Zealand at Olympic Park on Sunday to finally bury the ghost of failure which has haunted it since the Kiwis bundled the Socceroos out of the 1982 World Cup.

Australian soccer's status will be laid on the line at 5 pm on Sunday after the Victorian Ampol Cup final between Heidelberg and Ajax, which kicks off at 3 pm.

Sunday's double header is a first — a joint venture on a profit sharing basis between the ASF and VSF.

Australia's pretensions to the title of champion nation in the eastern Asia-Oceania region will be swept aside if it can't account for the Kiwis on its home soil.

Claims that Australia's club competition at national level is of a far higher standard than

New Zealand's national league are meaningless as a measure of Australian soccer's purported superiority.

A country's national team represents the cream of soccer talent at its disposal. The national team carries on its shoulders the prestige, aims and aspirations of its country's players, coaches, officials and spectators. The national team is the focal point of media attention. Its success filters throughout the nation's soccer structure. Similarly, its failure can gnaw like a cancerous growth into the dreams of the young.

Les Scheinflug is trying to give the Australian national team much needed stability. It takes time. The invidious influences of the Rudi Gutendorf era hopefully will be but a painful memory by the year's end.

As we went to press we were

unable to bring you the result of last night's (Tuesday's) clash between New Zealand and Australia in Auckland. The Socceroos return today (Wednesday) at 2.45 pm on Air New Zealand flight TE 121 and will stay at the St. Kilda Travelodge.

Irrespective of that result, the Socceroos carry the greater burden out onto the spacious Olympic Park arena on Sunday. Failure to beat New Zealand in Australia would dampen the impetus given to Australian soccer by its successful youth team.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



New Zealand goalkeeper Frank van Hattum is beaten by a shot from Steve Archibald during Scotland's 5-2 victory in the World Cup finals in Spain last year.

van Hattum
is the
man to beat

By
PAUL MOON

New Zealand's crack goalkeeper Frank van Hattum stands in the way of Australia's success on Sunday.

Just over a year ago van Hattum patiently was occupying the New Zealand substitutes' bench, resigned to remaining in the shadow of first choice goalkeeper Richard Wilson for some time.

In fact there were many who questioned his right even to be wearing a squad track suit. A poll among members of the New Zealand Soccer Writers' Association rated him only the 6th best keeper in the country.

It was during the build-up for Spain that van Hattum suddenly began to look the part of a fully-fledged international with solid performances against Hungary, League of Ireland and Watford.

Still, it appeared highly unlikely that New Zealand coach John Adshead would discard the conscientious Wilson who had become a national hero during the qualifying rounds, when naming his side to face Scotland in Malaga.

That though is just what Adshead did — an act he later described as one of the most difficult in his life.

van Hattum responded magnificently, frustrating the multi-talented, multi-million dollar forwards of Scotland, USSR and Brazil as they strived to swamp a plucky, but hopelessly outgunned, side that refused to protect its goalkeeper with a blanket defence.

New Zealanders were not alone in closely following the heroics of the Kiwis' Number 22. Holland's soccer fans, seeking consolation for their own team's failure to qualify and informed of van Hattum's background, claimed him as their own: "The Only Dutchman at the Mundial."

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Institute team for the NSL

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

An Institute of Sport team in the National League, a \$3 million soccer complex next to Bruce Stadium and a permanent training base for our youth and senior national teams . . .

These are some of the proposals in Jim Shoulders' blueprint for the success of Australian soccer at national level.

The National Capital Development Commission has approved the building of a massive complex in Canberra. Work will start this year and Shoulders, director of soccer at the Sports Institute, hopes to be using the ultra modern facilities by the end of 1984.

When completed the complex will be the headquarters for soccer at the Sports Institute. It encompasses live-in facilities, an indoor train-



Jim Shoulders

ing hall with synthetic turf, changing rooms, gymnasiums, sauna, spa, lecture rooms and an administration area. A fully floodlit, full-sized synthetic pitch will be a feature of the complex. It will have seating for about 12,000 spectators and will have a large, grass training area adjacent.

"Initially, soccer was well down the list of priorities at the Institute but the success of our youth team has prompted an upgrading of our position," said Shoulders.

"We are going to be using world class facilities. All of this must be channelled into

the national effort. We should make this complex the home of the national youth team and if the senior national team wants to use it, they will be able to do so free of charge."

Shoulders wants to see two young teams playing under the Institute's banner — a youth league side and an under-23 side.

"Up until now we haven't been able to play in the best competition in the country. That has to change," he said.

"We intend to increase the number of soccer boys at the Institute, so let's run two teams. Let's keep the pick of the youth teams for a couple more years to form the basis of a National League team."

"We'd then be recruiting 16 and 17-year-olds and putting them through a full program involving participation in the youth team then the under-23 NSL team."

Shoulders is compiling a working paper to present to the ASF executive which already is scanning his initial submission on the development of the game at national level.

Allan Jones replaces Adshead

John Adshead's resignation as national team manager shook New Zealand soccer, just 10 days before the first clash with Australia in Auckland.

Adshead's contract was due to end in September, but he offered to resign three months earlier in order that a new coach could be phased into the position.

New Zealand's federation decreed however that it would be preferable for the resignation to take effect immediately, thereby allowing a successor necessary time to mould a squad for

the Olympic Games qualifiers later in the year.

The architect of New Zealand's World Cup campaign expressed himself as "shocked, bewildered and disappointed" by the haste in manipulating his removal.

The man in charge of the Kiwi squad to face Australia will be Allan Jones, the National Director of Coaching since September, 1979. Previously Jones was manager of English Fourth Division club Darlington.

PAUL MOON

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ASF should give clubs a better go

In scheduling the Victorian Ampol Cup final as the curtain-raiser to the Australia v New Zealand match on Sunday, the VSF and ASF have demonstrated a refreshing spirit of co-operation which serves as an example for the future.

This type of spirit certainly was missing during the previous week in which the ASF by its actions, actually harmed the Ampol Cup competition not only in Melbourne but also in Sydney. It did so by withholding the national team players from their club teams, at the shortest possible notice.

The Ampol Cup in Victoria is the most financially profitable in Australia and, with more media promotion and a bit of TV, gate takings could reach quite extraordinary heights.

With the National League teams taking part, the NSW Ampol Cup also has great potential now.

So why the mess-up of two weeks ago? Why the insensitivity towards the clubs?

When I was national coach, the then ASF secretary, Brian Le Ferre, and I, visited Austria and Hungary trying to organise warm-up games for the Socceroos before the World Cup finals of 1974.

Yet in both countries we were informed that their international commitments always were arranged months in advance and that there was no way they could, at the drop of a hat, accommodate games against Australia.

Here, on the other hand, we still seem content with 24 hours' notice.

That's roughly how much time we had after being told by the ASF that our players would have

to stay in training camp with the national squad, and would not be released for Ampol Cup matches.

No, the players were required for a training match against Newcastle in Sydney.

Look, I always will assist national coach Les Scheinflug in every possible way because I believe he is doing a fantastic job. The same goes with Tim White and the State team.

However, I believe there must be alternatives to the situation that exists at present.

The way things are, my club, South Melbourne Hellas, won't have Davidson, Blair and Russell for the Ampol Cup final, and we didn't have them for the semi-finals or for the last preliminary match.

Clubs in Sydney are in a similar position — look at Olympic which has been without Katholos, Raskopoulos and Soper.

From a business point of view, this is just not right. It hurts the clubs, the spectators feel cheated because they're not seeing the best players, and the ASF gets bad publicity.

At a time when all clubs and leagues are struggling financially, our aim must be to help the clubs to establish a new, firm foundation for public support.

It can be done with the right approach by all the parties involved and that's what I want to encourage.

I have said for many years that there is a need for an expert

RALE RASIC

technical committee at ASF level to advise on these matters. Such a committee should comprise club coaches, the national coaches and a number of top-line officials.

Such a committee could work out compromises that would avoid conflicts between clubs, between federations or between federations and clubs.

We would avoid decisions harmful to the clubs being made at the drop of a hat, and we would all have a long-term programme to which to work.

Perhaps under "Project 88" these things indeed will be sorted out. Let's hope so.

But meanwhile, I must say that nowhere in the world would a national team spend three weeks in a training camp for two friendly matches, the way the Socceroos have done for the New Zealand games.

I won't criticise it however. We could train for two months if that's the general opinion, so long as the clubs are shown some regard in the overall programme.

The national team might be the basis for greater soccer expansion but let's remember that without the clubs, there is no national team.

At the moment, Hellas has Russell, Davidson and Blair in the national squad and Egan, Campbell, Woodin and Murphy in the State squad. When we have a three-week national team camp and State training twice a week, how can the club coach prepare his team for competition?

• Readers are invited to write to Peter Katholos at 38 McKern Street, Campbell, 2194. He will answer their questions in this column.

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



Teamwork, mateship, depth—the keys to our success

As we prepare for our big return clash with New Zealand at Olympic Park on Sunday, let me give the fans a bit of insight into the way the national team plays.

Our main consideration is not to give the ball away. In other words, we play a possession game, with players running a lot off the ball, and using the spaces.

We also play it wide as often and as early as possible.

I very much enjoy my right-side combination with our full back, Alan Davidson, who operates the length of the field. For that reason, we have no winger on the right hand side, which leaves a passage for Davidson and for me to use.

When I hear his call, I'll give him the ball as quickly as possible because I know he'll be in a good position. The same applies vice-versa.

If he passes me, I'll often drop back to cover for him, but when we're both upfield, then Gary Byrne will drop back to cover.

On the left, our full back Alan Niven also is encouraged to attack, but he doesn't do so as often as Davidson.

And the left-side midfielder, probably George Christopoulos, also gets forward but he and Niven have to be careful not to crowd out the space available to our left winger, Phil O'Connor.

Byrne, in the middle of the midfield, is our playmaker and he also does a lot of covering and defensive work.

Our stopper — usually Steve Blair — stays back almost all of the time, but the sweeper — David Ratcliffe or Tony Henderson — sometimes goes for raids up the field. At corner kicks or free kicks, one of

the big men from defence will go up to try to head the ball in.

Defensively, we play it man-to-man rather than zonally. That means we mark man-to-man in midfield, not just in defence. Even the strikers have to pick up opponents if one of our attacks suddenly breaks down.

The strikers — David Mitchell and John Kosmina — work well together, just as they do with their club, Sydney City.

They make the proper runs — either towards the midfielders, or one towards the midfielders and one back.

Both can shield the ball very well, and both are good at showing the midfielders exactly where they want the ball to be played. They're also very good in the air.

O'Connor, on the left, concentrates on bringing the ball down the line, beating his full back, and getting the crosses over.

For the crosses, I have to be in the box along with Kosmina and Mitchell if it's played to the right, and Christopoulos and Byrne will wait outside for the crumbs. If it's played to the left, then Christopoulos will get into the box and I'll join Byrne just outside.

But the main thing is team work, and it's team work that makes you a winner, which gets me onto the next subject: What makes a successful team?

There are many aspects, but the most important one is that the players must respect each other.

All players are different. Some have more ability than others on the ball, others are superior in speed, strength or vision. Players must respect each other's individual assets and help to use them for the good of the team.

Conversely, in an unsuccessful team you have players jealous of each other's ability, thus causing friction.

Another important aspect is team spirit — friendship and understanding. If you have those qualities, your team is like a family, you fight for each other on and off the field, you run for each other and you don't try to cheat.

Another factor is that you need key players for key positions. You need players to call the shots — players willing to "play the piano".

You also need hard workers whose strength and running will carry the team through the tough patches.

Depth within the squad also is vital. In case of injuries or bad form, the reserve players coming in must be just as good so there is no loss of team performance. Depth provides competition among players not only on the field but also in training.

A good team often can be spoiled by outside interference from influential people. Committeemen, for example, often interfere with the coaching by pushing one or another player into the team. This however, should be left to the coach exclusively, while the officials should worry only about finance and administration.

Take all these things together and you see how the national team operates under Les Scheinflug. It has been successful and it will be successful.

So it is at Sydney Olympic as well. We have a great bunch of players there and the team spirit is excellent.

Tommy Docherty, our coach, has full control of the soccer side and as for the administration, that's under the control of our hard-working president, Jim Petinellis.

In closing, let's have your support against New Zealand at Olympic Park on Sunday. It will spur us on.

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Paul Kay — scoop for Hellas!

Paul Kay — one of the finest players Australia has produced — starts a new chapter of his career this week with South Melbourne Hellas.

Bids for Kay by Marconi and Sydney City failed and it was signed him to a two-year contract after flying Kay to Melbourne last Thursday.

Kay, 20, has spent two half-seasons with English club Charlton Athletic. Although he did not have any senior games, he did go on the senior team's tour of Sweden and he scored 15 goals in the Combination League.

His progress was hampered by the sacking of two Charlton managers — Alan Mullery and Ken Cragg and by various administrative upheavals, but a year in English soccer has improved Paul Kay tremendously — not that he needed much improvement.

"I was training every day, as a full-time professional, I'm stronger now. I'm tackling harder and I'm more self-confident than I've ever been," he said at his parent's home in Wollongong.



By LAURIE SCHWAB

Paul Kay was Australia's outstanding player during the 1981 World Youth Championships in which the young Socceroos beat Argentina 2-1 and drew 1-1 with England, to reach the quarter-finals.

He also was in the youth team that contested the 1978-79 qualifying series in Paraguay. I've often called Paul Kay the future Jimmy Rooney of Australian soccer and I've never wavered from that belief. He's got more stamina than most players I've seen in 20 years of soccer reporting. He's got skill, galore, tremendous sharpness of mind, an uncanny eye for gaps through which to deliver telling passes, and a refined ability to score goals.

He may be small, but that serves only to push him to greater and greater heights.

Marconi could have signed him, but coach Doug Collins withdrew his offer because Kay still was considering an approach from Sydney City.

That's when Rasic made his move.

Kay was brought to England by the then chairman of Charlton Athletic who was impressed by Kay's performances in the World Youth Championships.

"Under the then manager, Alan Mullery, I was getting very close to a first-team place and everything looked great after I'd been on the tour of Sweden," Kay said.

"But while I was back home visiting my parents during the off-season Mullery was sacked and the new manager, Ken Cragg, bought a whole lot of new players and pushed the young ones into the back-ground. Others also suffered. There are many who still want

to get away, but the didn't have a way out like I did.

"That aside, I would recommend the experience of European soccer to any local young players with the ability to have a go. All I'd say is they'd have to go there with their eyes wide open and not expect too much too quickly. "However, the standard of our best young players is every bit as high as that in England."

Kay admitted he suffered homesickness for a while, and that there is "no place like home."

"My ambition is to get into the national team, and you can do that only if you're playing in Australia," he said.

Former Moenchengladbach and Barcelona star Alan Simonsen, a European Footballer of the Year, joined Charlton while Kay was there, and they played alongside each other in a few Combination League and charity matches.

"He's a brilliant player, but

he's wasting his time at Charlton," Kay said.

The young Socceroo also played against Tony Galvin and Micky Hazard of Spurs and Danny Wallace of Southampton.

Now Paul Kay looks forward to a new chapter in his already distinguished career.

It started as a junior with Wollongong, and as a NSW representative in most junior age groups.

Then it was off to St. George, where he played in the Saints' NSL team, and from there he transferred to Wollongong NSL club for \$800. The \$10,000 Charlton paid for him was stipulated in his contract.

Paul Kay has played seven games for Australia, including two full internationals — the 1981 World Cup games against Indonesia and Taiwan. During the Oceania Cup in Noumea in 1980, he scored four goals — two of them in the final against Tahiti (4-2). He also played 17 games for the national youth team.

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Dom Kapetanovic — what a waste

One of soccer's sad stories is the decline of coach Dom Kapetanovic.

I rate Kapetanovic as possibly the best coach in this country — yet he is unable to get a coaching job.

It is a tragedy, not only for this fine man, but for the state of soccer in this country when a person like Kapetanovic is ignored.

He is a highly intelligent and educated man who has coached successfully at a far higher level than any other coach in this country with the exception of Tom Docherty.

Not only has he coached successfully at the highest level, he also has played the game at the highest level in Yugoslavia.

What is more, he has been successful in the short while he has been in Australia.

In his second season in Australia with Sydney Croatia he won the State League undefeated, despite the presence of a powerful St George under Frank Ark.

Most people credit him with an excellent job at Marconi last year with a depleted squad, yet here he is out of a job.

How can a man with his credentials, who only two years ago won a top league undefeated, be unable to get a job?

One of the reasons may be that he is quiet. He does not thump tables, or make a lot of noise, especially about himself.

He is the opposite of the con-man coaches who proliferate the ranks of the profession in Australia.

He is a man who is gifted and highly experienced, who knows what he is about.

Such is the Soccer ignorance of so many people involved on committees in clubs in this country they are unable to see an expert even when he is right in front of them.

Intelligent, top players who



Mike Johnson

have been under Kapetanovic tell me that he is a great coach.

Croatian captain, Majdan Kovacic has Kapetanovic to thank for turning him into a fine midfielder player after years searching for success as an average striker.

University-educated Kovacic has nothing but praise for Kapetanovic.

He is supported by his playing colleague Peter Hensman who tasted National League soccer with St George before taking up his present job as NSW Sales manager with Berlie, and moving to Croatia.

Marconi and national team striker Mark Jankovics told

me that he loved Kapetanovic's training methods and his approach to players.

"Marconi should not have let him go at the end of the season," he said.

Several weeks ago I went to Kapetanovic's home for dinner, expressly to hear him talk on soccer.

I had asked for the meeting because I wanted to learn from his vast store of knowledge and experience in the game.

Among other things he gave the opinion that shooting and receiving skills were the most important skills in the game and both should be practised and mastered.

Mark Jankovics had told me that Kapetanovic concentrated a lot on shooting practice.

Kapetanovic did not have any arguments with me over the importance of shooting skill, though I was interested to hear his views on the need for good receiving skills.

Australian Soccer players are loth to spend time practising to trap the ball, but they should. There are so many ways of receiving the ball — observe the Brazilians, the masters of this basic skill, just as they are of so many others.

Kapetanovic talked of the importance of getting first to the ball — "Even if only by a few centimetres," he said.

This was why he much preferred to use the ball in almost every training situation.

"When I use the ball you stimulate the mind," he said.

"You have to make decisions."

"Without the ball there are no decisions, so there is mental deadness."

"That is not good for a soccer player."



• Allan Simonsen (left) — "wasting his time" at Charlton. At right is Franz Beckenbauer.



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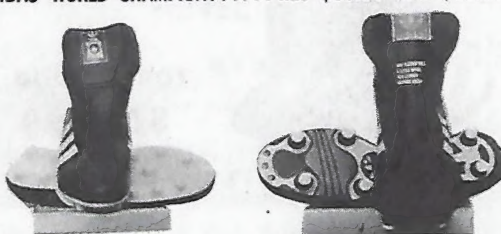
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LAUGHS WITH THE DOC

By JOE DOCHERTY

ON THE BEACH: Albion Rovers trained at St. Kilda beach last week. Two of the players had injuries (Frank Macleod and Peter Dickson). Both were advised to wade in the salt sea water. As they reached the water's edge, Peter put his big toe in and said: "It's freezing." Big Frank stuck his nose in and said: "It's deep as well!"

OUCH! THE PAIN: Player told me last week that he might need an operation to remove his "excruciating" ligaments.

SPEED MERCHANT: What about the centre-half who midway through the game squashed a big black snail with his boot? Asked why he did it, he said: "That bloody thing has been following me all over the park."

MATCH OF THE YEAR: Lyndale v. Murrumbidgee. Even the names strike fear in any ordinary man's heart. The Windsor Castle is buzzing, nay, I tell a lie, Melbourne is buzzing in anticipation of this clash! Why? More about it later.

VISITORS: Heard that the Camerons are coming to play

JOE DOCHERTY, well-known comedian on the clubs and pubs circuit, is team manager of Victorian State League club Albion Rovers and previously Kew Park Celtic. He played for Sandringham City and Hawthorn.

us. Is that Gordon Cameroun's team?

DINK OF THE YEAR: Eight points to Jimmy Rooney who said: "Oh! The fight's on tonight. Must get some 'Tinnies' in." Magic wee man.

WAKE UP: To whoever is recruiting for "The Age" Industrial League team. You have a ready-made midfield right next door.

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VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP

It's Ajax for the cup!

By **CRAIG MACKENZIE**

Sam Gouloupoulos

SAM'S PLEA FOR UNITY

Heidelberg United president Sam Gouloupoulos made an impassioned plea for club unity at an extraordinary general meeting held last Sunday.

Gouloupoulos will make a similar plea to the club's board of management and is calling for an unqualified vote of confidence.

The extra-ordinary meeting was held after one of Heidelberg United's vice-presidents resigned from the board of management last week and resigned from club membership.

"We called for tenders to build the covering for our terrace. One of our vice-presidents was a tender but didn't get the job," said Gouloupoulos. "This led to a rather nasty confrontation between that gentleman and myself, the end result being that he resigned."

"The incident was disruptive and the general meeting was called to get members approval for the way the club is being run."

"I'm happy to report that we had a packed house at the meeting and that well over two thirds of the voting members present supported me and my board of directors."

Green Gully Ajax has been the outstanding team unit in the 1983 Ampol Cup and should defeat national league club Heidelberg United in Sunday's final, which kicks off at 3pm as the curtain raiser to the Australia-New Zealand international.

The Victorian State League champion has been the best drilled, best organised outfit in the Ampol Cup and its stunning 2-0 semi-final win over big spending South Melbourne Hellas should give it the impetus to add another national league scalp to its trophy cabinet.

If so, it will be sweet revenge for Ajax coach Len McKendry. The former Victorian state team boss was coaching Heidelberg until last November when he was faced with little choice but to quit. McKendry and the Heidelberg committee were at loggerheads. McKendry was the loser last November however he is set to turn the tables on Sunday.

Not only is Ajax functioning well as a team it also doesn't face the unrest which is rumored to be sweeping through the playing ranks at Heidelberg. Some players reportedly are unhappy with the way the team is playing and with team selection. This could pose insurmountable problems for coach Ken Morton.

At the centre of the rumored unrest stands little Chilean ball wizard Juan Toro Castillo. A large question mark hangs over Toro's ability to last the entire match in midfield. Some Heidelberg players may yet lip service to the way Toro plays.

Certainly Toro's fine close ball skills will be needed at

their best on Sunday when he confronts being quickly closed down and harassed by Ajax.

Former Sydney City star John Spanos is yet to fit in at Heidelberg. The remarks passed between Spanos and a couple of established players at Heidelberg last weekend in the semi-finals suggests that Morton is being hard pressed to instill a united team spirit. With Sunday only a few days away, Morton and Heidelberg are running out of time.

The key to Ajax's success, apart from its obvious organisation, is the way coach McKendry uses former Welsh international David Smallman at every set piece situation. Smallman takes most free kicks and corner kicks. His vision and disposal are excellent and he has been instrumental in Ajax's charge to the final.

Smallman was booked three times in the preliminary cup rounds but didn't amass 12 penalty points and was able to play against Hellas last Friday. However, injury forced him to be replaced at half time but he will be fully fit and will line-up on Sunday.

Heidelberg striker Gary Cole looks decidedly uneasy without his attacking partner Jamie Paton. It seems strange for coach Morton to break up the outstanding striking partnership in the short history of the national competition. Maybe we'll see Paton in action on Sunday.



Ajax's ace striker Paul Lewis

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| Likely line-ups for Sunday's Ampol Cup final: | | | | |
| GREEN GULLY AJAX | | | | |
| Leo DENYS | | | | |
| Peter LEWIS | Stuart CANNELL | Steve SHORT | David HOGGEN | |
| Willie VASSALLO | David SMALLMAN | Peter BOYLE | Jim WILLIAMS | |
| Bobby TOL | | Paul LEWIS | | |
| HEIDELBERG UNITED | | | | |
| Jeff OLIVER | | | | |
| Arthur MC MILLAN | Charlie YANKOS | John YEZENDORN | Jim TANSEY | |
| Theo SELEMDIS | Jim CAMPBELL | John SPANOS | Micky VALENTINE | |
| Gary COLE | | Jamie PATON | | |

van Hattum faced Scots, USSR, Brazil

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van Hattum did not resent the title, for his Dutch parents have been a great influence on his soccer career from the moment they bought him his first pair of football boots at four years of age.

Born and raised in New Plymouth, he represented Taranaki province at all grades and also the North Island at under 12, 14 and 18 levels.

New Plymouth however did not boast a major senior soccer team, so upon leaving school, van Hattum ventured north, joining Hamilton and promptly helped them gain the Northern Regional League title.

Unfortunately opportunities became limited at Hamilton, which looked towards experienced, proven talent. After two seasons in the Walkato, van Hattum moved to Manurewa, then coached by John Adshead.

In his first campaign with the South Auckland club, he captured winners' medals for the Northern Regional League, Chatham Cup and Adidas Challenge Trophy. Soon after that momentous treble, Adshead left Manurewa to take control of the New Zealand national team. He did not forget his former charge, who was named in the

squad to contest the 1980 Oceania Cup.

That proved to be a disastrous expedition, as did the internal tour and Canadian sojourn which followed, but van Hattum's reputation remained relatively intact. Sandwiched between these setbacks was a totally unexpected, morale boosting, 4-0 demolition of Mexico.

Richard Wilson had been unavailable for the Mexican encounter, but he automatically regained the gloves when the World Cup elimination series got under way and never looked to be in danger of relinquishing them until the finals approached.

Wilson suffered a post-qualification reaction, and found himself unable to meet the renewed challenge of obtaining the essential perfect mental

and physical condition.

van Hattum however reached his peak at exactly the right time. Formerly a materials co-ordinator, he gave up his job in order to devote himself fully to training.

That sacrifice must have seemed more than worthwhile when, after the Mundial, Feyer-noord offered a full time contract. He had agreed terms and was looking forward to a further career advancement, when it was revealed that Manurewa would not agree to a release without receiving a transfer fee.

The Rotterdam club, on a tight financial budget and perturbed by Manurewa's attitude, declined to pay. van Hattum was committed to the South Aucklanders for only a further two months but when that short term expired Feyer-

noord had lost interest, as its season was now under way.

A number of English clubs were rumoured to be considering approaches but nothing materialised.

Not surprisingly, van Hattum severed his links with Manurewa and recently signed for Christchurch Mogal United, to follow a long line of international 'keepers which includes Phil Dando, Richard Wilson and Barry Pickering.

Only 24 last November, he has some seasons ahead of him before reaching the age when goalkeepers traditionally reach their zenith.

There is still time to win a lucrative contract with an overseas club but he must continue to produce the goods for New Zealand. A clean sheet against Australia would aid his cause perfectly.

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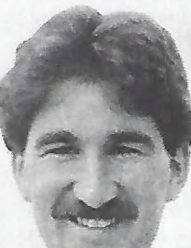
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Richard Wilson, the man Frank van Hattum replaced.

Selimidis wins it

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 7 — McMillan 7, D. Macleod 6, Yankos 7, Tansay 6 — Selimidis 7, Toro 6, Spanos 6 — J. Campbell 7, Cole 6 (Inf. Peton 80th), Valentine 7. Coach: Ken Horton.
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 7 — Stojcevski 7, O'Reilly 7, Kondorios 6, Hazabent 6 — Jovanovic 7, Iliiski 6, Tudih 7 (Ristovski 55th 6) — Simic 7, G. Macleod 6, Lujic 7. Coach: Bob McLachlan.

REASON FOR VICTORY: I'm a Dennis Boland fan. One of many. I've long marvelled at his athleticism and flair. However, like all of us, he isn't infallible.

With just four minutes remaining and extra time a near certainty, Boland charged off his line to punch clear from a corner. He didn't reach the ball in time. The Seleimidis did with a superb leap and a stunning back header which sent the ball flashing into the net and kicked J.U.S.T. out of the Ampol Cup. Boland would be the first to concede that

once a goalkeeper commits himself to punch clear he must get to the ball first. His failure to do so here was vital.

Credit is due not only to Seleimidis but also to Mickey Valentine. Had Valentine merely floated the corner kick across Boland would have had more time to judge its flight. As it was, Valentine struck the ball firmly and curved it in to the near post. It was a well executed corner and a staggering header.

THE GOALS: Heidelberg struck first four minutes from half time a superb inter-passing move tore J.U.S.T.'s defence to shreds. Seleimidis played the ball to Juan Toro Castillo. The little Chilean slipped it forward to John Spanos inside the J.U.S.T. area and his first time pass found Jim Campbell in the clear. Campbell's shot from about eight metres went in off the underside of the bar.

J.U.S.T.'s equaliser shocked Heidelberg. Slobodan Stojcevski, who only came into the side at the end of last season but fast is making the right back spot his own, decided to have a crack at goal. From 30 metres out he hammered the ball into the top far corner. Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Oliver threw himself up and across but couldn't get a hand to the ball as it thudded into the back of the net.

Seleimidis' superb back

header in the 86th minute was the match winner.

THE TACTICS: Both sides used a 4-3-3 formation. Jim Campbell was up front alongside Gary Cole with Valentine on the wing. J.U.S.T. used Paul Simic, Gus Macleod and Zdravko Lujic as its front runners. A word about young Simic. He looked really sharp until cramp got the better of him forcing him to be replaced in the second half. Simic showed great ability to control the ball quickly with his back to goal, swivel around and get in a firm shot. He may be on the threshold of finally making a big name for himself in the national league. Certainly, he was J.U.S.T.'s only dangerous striker.

The Macleod brothers, J.U.S.T. striker Gus and Heidelberg stopper Don, lined up against each other but cancelled each other out. That means Don Macleod did his job. Big Gus Macleod won quite a few free kicks. That was all. Actually there were lengthy periods of play in which they weren't sighted.

THE CHANCES: Two penalties stand out. One awarded to Heidelberg and the other not given by referee Voutsinas.

Hazabent's clumsy tackle on Campbell in the 6th minute prompts Voutsinas to point to the penalty spot. Toro strides up, urged on by his fans, and strikes the ball well wide.

Voutsinas wasn't so ready to point to the spot in the 18th minute. Simic broke through onto a long, lofted free kick from Kondorios which eluded the Macleod brothers. As Simic prepared to shoot, he was hacked down from behind. Referee Voutsinas was about 15 metres from the incident yet waved play on. I'm convinced that J.U.S.T. should have been awarded a penalty. Boland made a superb save in the 25th minute. Valentine slipped as he was about to run onto a Toro lob into the area. He recovered quickly and shot. Boland parried wide.

Then Simic volleyed wide on the turn. A few minutes later two Iliiski shots, one after the other, were blocked.

McMillan blocked Simic's shot after a fine turn in the 31st minute. Four minutes later Simic headed wide at the near post from a Lujic cross.

Simic almost did everything right with his near post header in the 60th minute. He met Lujic's cross firmly and headed down but Oliver had read play well and saved easily.

Valentine dummed across from the right in the 65th minute but Campbell's half volley was well wide.

Boland did well to clutch a fine glancing header from Cole in the 88th minute. Mendo Ristovski's low shot from a free kick sent the ball



Juan Toro Castillo blasts the ball wide from the penalty spot against J.U.S.T. last Friday night. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

rebounding to Lujic whose first time shot from 12 metres was wide.

Valentine shot straight at Boland in the 88th minute and in the final minute Valentine sent Toro through only to watch in dismay as his team mate's shot hit the far post and bounced clear.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: It's got to be Seleimidis.

MOST DISAPPOINTING PLAYER: John Spanos, who is struggling to fit in at Heidelberg. Maybe a couple of sessions at the Windsor Castle would help.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

IN FOCUS

by PETER SCOTT



Enormous attention will be focused on South Melbourne Hellas this year, for so long the sleeping giant of the National Soccer League.

Hellas was never far from the spotlight, for a number of reasons, such as fairly regular captures of big name players, huge crowds of mainly Greek followers which are the envy of almost every other club and regular yo-yo like trips up and down the competition ladder, defying all logic and often accompanied by intrigues which would put an ancient Athenian tragedy to shame.

So, what's different in 1983?

Rale Rasic is in charge, that's what!

Still the only man ever to take the Socceroos to a World Cup final, Rasic has continued to live on the foundations of his reputation which was the direct result of that famous feat almost a decade ago.

He has also had some great successes with club teams, interspersed by seasons which, I'm sure, he would rather not talk about.

There were those famous feuds with Sir Arthur George, and then the incredible naivety with which Rale allowed himself to be "set up" by the ASF president prior to Rudi Gutendorf's appointment.

Apart from that slip-up, the former Yugoslav youth star, who has managed to become one of the few soccer identities who are household names in Australian sport, always has exhibited a generous dose of shrewdness and nous.

Rale Rasic the man is not everyone's cup of tea; nor is Rale Rasic the coach.

1. for one, and many others beside me, wish him every success now that he is back in the top league.

Many of his critics have failed to achieve even a tiny proportion of what Rale can justify point to with pride.

And certainly, none of them has managed to provide Aussie soccer fans with repeats of those pure moments of ecstasy when we saw Jimmy Mackay land the all-important winner in the Koreans' net ten years ago.

It was the goal which saw the Socceroos through to the elite last 16 of the World Cup and if you ask the players in that wonderful team, I hazard to guess that most of them will heap praise on Rasic, Australia's first "supercouch".

Ajax didn't have to work too hard to get one-on-one situations up front in the last 15 minutes — evidence of Hellas' growing defensive impatience.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Steve Short, the man of the match. Not only did he cover well and organise his defence he also got forward a few times.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

HELLAS HUMBLLED

GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (Smallman penalty 39th, Toal 83rd) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0. Ampol Cup semi-final at Olympic Park, Friday night, double header. Crowd: about 8000. Referee: Fearn 6.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 7 — Peter Lewis 7, Cannell 5, Short 8, Hogben 8 — Vassallo 7, Smallman 7 (Inf. Groochan H.T. 7), Boyle 7, Williams 7 — Toal 8, Paul Lewis 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumetz 7 — Russell 6 (Inf. Buljevic 52nd 6), Hannah 5 (Inf. Stevenson 70th), Xanthopoulos 6, Nicolaidis 6 — Holford 6, Crino 7, Murphy 7 — Egan 6, Evans 7, Wooddin 6. Coach: Rale Rasic.

REASON FOR VICTORY: Ajax was a far superior team unit which wasn't so bereft of attacking ideas that it had to resort to chipping balls into the opposition penalty area as Hellas did. Not for Ajax that hopeful, lucky bounce tactic

inside a packed penalty area. Ajax retained its discipline. The same can't be said for Hellas which lost its patience and panicked a bit as the minutes ticked away in the second half and Ajax sensibly defended its 1-0 lead. Hellas, hell bent on pushing men forward, played into Ajax's hands, allowing Paul Lewis and Bobby Toal to constantly threaten on the break. In the final analysis, Hellas paid the ultimate penalty for its impatience and lack of defensive discipline and Ajax ran out an easy winner.

THE GOALS: Referee Jim Fearn was on the spot in the 39th minute as Arthur Xanthopoulos clipped the heels of Paul Lewis inside the Hellas area. Fearn immediately

pointed to the spot. From my vantage point the decision seemed a bit harsh. Maybe I've just grown accustomed to the surprising number of such challenges inside penalty areas which have gone unchecked in this year's Ampol Cup. The reaction of players close to the incident suggests that Xanthopoulos clearly tripped Lewis. Former Welsh international David Smallman, oozing confidence, strode up to take the penalty and slammed it low into the corner of goal.

Rumor was rife after the match that Smallman had been approached by Heidelberg United and offered the position of specialist penalty taking coach.

Ajax's second goal in the

83rd minute made some Hellas officials in the VIP area squirm uneasily in their comfortable chairs.

Kit Greechan, who had replaced injured Smallman at half time, misdirected an attempted shot from the right wing. Bobby Toal picked up the ball on the left of the Hellas area, rounded one defender, then accelerated into a huge hole in the middle of defence and poked the ball past helpless Peter Laumetz from about 10 metres out.

THE TACTICS: Ajax coach Len McKendry could have been excused for thinking that he was back at the helm of the Victorian state team and facing an overseas opponent. McKendry's Victoria hit hard on the break. So does Ajax. And Hellas played into Ajax's hands. So often confronted by a packed penalty area, Hellas

players took the easy way out and pumped in a series of crosses which were easy pickings for Lou Denys, Steve Short and Stuart Cannell. No Hellas player took on the responsibility of running at opponents out wide, getting behind them and drawing defenders out to make room for Charlie Egan or Steve Wooddin. Oh for the talents of Joe Watson could have been the thought crossing Rale Rasic's mind.

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MARTON A MARKED MAN

By ALEX VESIC

Doug Collins, ex-Sydney Olympic coach and presently at the helm of Marconi vowed that he will stop St George ace Dez Marton after Marconi narrowly beat Croatia to go into the NSW Ampol Cup final against the Saints.

"We'll crush Marton," said Collins emphatically as he entered Marconi's club rooms after the matches ended at Marconi Stadium last Friday. Later on, however, Collins was prepared to accept the fact that Marton was an exceptional player who would need more than mere careful attention. The St George striker has so far amassed seven goals in three Ampol Cup matches and gives the impression that the Ampol Cup final will provide him with an ideal opportunity to score a few more.

Frank Arok, looking or his second Ampol Cup final success in two years, was non-committal about his tactics for the final.

St George 4 Sydney City 0

Scorers: Dez Marton 2, Wilkinson, Barton
Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 5549
Referee: Tim Davies 8

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Sloan 6, R. O'Shea 7, M. O'Shea 7, J. O'Shea 7, Koczka 6 (Muskovits 41), Stone 8, Wilkinson 7, Barton 7, Slater 7, Marton 9 (Faber 78).

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Mullin 5, Robertson 5, Gomez 5, Bruce 5, Watson 7, Barnes 5, Murray 5, Souness 7, Boden 5 (Sergeant 72), Leo 5 (De Marigny 57).

Dez Marton helped himself to two more goals as St George rolled Sydney City, but once again its win was regarded as a somewhat hollow one, following the loss of John Kosmina and David Mitchell to the national team.

The Slickers' defence also was weakened by the absence of Steve O'Connor, while St George was without David Ratcliffe.

So Saints crushed yet another opponent largely due to the individual brilliance of Marton, and could have scored another four goals with an ounce of luck. While one may argue that Kosmina and Mitchell could have made a great dif-

ference up front for Sydney City, it almost was frightening to see Marton, Stone, Wilkinson and Co. carve up its opposition to register yet another comfortable win.

Sydney City managed to hold its own during the first half and could have gone into an early lead had Ian Souness found the net in the second minute of the game. Greedy was beaten by a shot from Souness but fortune smiled upon the Saints' keeper as the ball bounced off the post.

Murray Barnes had another opportunity for Slickers after 24 minutes after being put through by Souness, but his shot went straight at Greedy. The tall Slicker had yet another opportunity in the closing stages of the first half, but his usually reliable header went wide.

At the other end Saints managed to score from its first real chance. Paul Wilkinson's through ball found Marton in the clear and Todd Clarke had no answer as Marton chipped over the advancing keeper to make it 1-0 after eight minutes.

After 27 minutes Marton was put through by Peter Stone to Job Clarke and score the second goal of this match, then came yet another brilliant effort by Marton which resulted in number three for the Saints.

With eight minutes remaining before halftime, Marton took the ball on the edge of the penalty area, beat two players before playing a one-two with Michael O'Shea to skirt another defender then drew the keeper before flicking the ball to the far post for Paul Wilkinson to head in the easiest of close range goals.

Wilkinson could have had a hat-trick in this match, hitting the crossbar in the 19th and 56th minutes.

With three goals between the two teams the Slickers had no option but to come forward and nearly paid very dearly for it.

Clarke made some fine saves, including a point blank drive from Wilkinson, than had

Better format

For once the much maligned NSW Soccer Federation has taken heed of shortcomings in previous years and has shown commendable flexibility.

I refer to the knock-out format of the Ampol Cup this season, replacing the series of glorified round-robin "trial matches" masquerading as the cup in 1982.

That some of the football served up is of singularly poor standard is not the fault of Karl Rodny and his committee.

The possibility for high standard, competitive, sudden death football is present — now let's see the players perform!

— PETER SCOTT

to dive at the feet of Marton and in the end saved a penalty shot from the rampaging Marton.

However, Clarke capitulated after 72 minutes, following a great pass by Marton to John Muskovits. The second half replacement for Koczka quickly angled his cross towards Barton who turned one defender before shooting low past Clarke.

Marconi 1 Croatia 0

Scorers: Jankovics
Ground: Marconi
Crowd: 5549
Referee: Peter Rampley 6
Yellow cards: John Coyne (Cr.)

MARCONI: Maher 7, Bozanic 7, Rizzotto 7, McCulloch 5, Dagnay 6, Budini 7, Hunter (Djordjevic 66), Sermani 5, Brown 5, Jankovics 7, Carbone 7.

CROATIA: Watson 7, A. Kovacic 6 (Galic 66), Tomasich 6, Basic 6, Coyne 8, Woods 5, M. Kovacic 7, Savor 7, Campbell 5 (Rezo 41), Carrizzo 7, Hensman 5.

The expected fireworks between Marconi and the top State League team Croatia fizzled out into a great big yawn, with only a few players able to come out of this match with an untarnished reputation.

Hensman, Woods and Campbell, the players Croatia counted on to provide the spark, failed to make an impression, while Marconi's new signing, Sermani, seldom got out of first gear.

In the end, Marconi triumphed with a goal from Mark Jankovics, certainly Marconi's trump card. He rose high to head brilliantly past Steve Watson, from a very good

cross by Rod Brown, to give Marconi the lead after only 15 minutes.

The home side never surrendered its lead and will now go into the final against St George this Friday, probably at the Sydney Sports Ground. The venue was undecided as we went to press.

In fact, Marconi could easily have scored two goals in two minutes but Drago Tomasich denied Attilio Carbone a certain goal after 14 minutes of the first half. Carbone rounded Watson and shot low towards goal, but a sliding Tomasich clipped the ball away from just in front of his goal line.

Brown could have made it 2-0 after 20 minutes but his shot from just inside the penalty area went wide after what appeared to have been a bad bounce for the youngster at the crucial moment.

For most of this match, neither side showed penetration worthy of goals and seemed determined not to worry either of the goalkeepers. Carrizzo and Marian Kovacic tried hard to lift Croatia's game, while Attilio Carbone and Ricky Budini worked hard for Marconi.

During the last minutes, Croatia came forward and looked set to equalise, but Marconi held out with some good work by Alan Maher on the line and some solid tackling by the back four.

John Coyne received his yellow card for dissent, but he would also come very close to being the best player on the park in this loss to Marconi. He fought with determination and tried hard to get his side inspired during the entire match, very often joining his forwards to threaten Maher.



NSW AMPOL CUP

Quarter-final replays

Sydney City 1 Sutherland 0

Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 2348
Referee: Arthur Owens 8
Goals: Jean Paul De Marigny

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 8, Mullen 8 (Sergeant 59), Robertson 7, Bruce 6, Gomez 7, Murray 5, Watson 7, Barnes 4, Souness 6, De Marigny 6, Leo 5 (Reider 59).

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 6, Cashman 6 (Johnston 70), Hasford 6, Scharfeger 7, Delforno 6, Watkins 6, Harrington 7, Webber 6, Knowles 6, Clinch 8, Rogers 6.

This event contest produced an ample amount of chances to last us till the end of this season with Sydney City managing to score from one while Sutherland didn't.

During the first half, seen by only a handful of spectators (due to that miserable rail strike) neither side managed to produce that match winning shot despite having a few chances at both ends.

Then, as soon as the whistle sounded for the start of the second half the Slickers came out punching. Seconds after the restart, Grant Lee hit the post with a well measured drive, then Jean Paul De Marigny scored the winner.

Mal Haynes went down to parry the shot and failed to hold, allowing De Marigny to latch onto the ball and push it into the net from close range. It was an odd goal as a number of players from Sutherland raced to the linesman and the referee pointing out that at least two City players were offside.

Let's document some glaring misses by a sadly out of touch Murray Barnes:

52: De Marigny's through ball found Barnes facing Haynes in a one-to-one situation but Haynes managed to tip a job by Barnes over the bar.

67: Barnes is in the clear and the keeper is behind him as he hits the side netting!

75: The ex-Aussie captain is in the clear again, but fails to control the ball from virtually dead in front.

79: Another glaring miss by Barnes from right in front.

If we add to this sad saga of our former favourite son, the fact that the post was hit by the Slickers twice, with Souness hitting the post from some 16 metres, then the story of chances becomes even more visible, but despite all the efforts by the Slickers, Sutherland held its own.

With only two minutes to go, Shane Clinch made the best break of the game chesting the ball inside the area and seeing that only Pezzano was in the way of yet another drawn game. However, his shot hit Pezzano on the leg and rebounded for a corner much to the chagrin of John Watkins, the Sutherland coach.

Had that one gone in, who knows, the story might have been different, for Sutherland had the better of play towards the end of the game and looked to have more stamina.

Croatia 1 Melita 0

Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 2458
Referee: Ken Small 7
Yellow cards: Raul Carrizo

CROATIA: Watson 8, A. Kovacic 6, Tomasich 5, Basic 6, Coyne 7, Hastie 5, Rezo 6, Saver 7, Carrizo 6, M. Kovacic 8, Pagano 6 (Galic 78).

MELITA EAGLES: A. McPherson 8, R. McPherson 6, Cross 6, Ankudinoff 6, Daley 7, McAusland 6, Chaloner 5 (Farnsworth 40 - 51), Williams 5, Duarte 6, Farquhar 7, McKie 5.

Croatia scraped through to the semi-finals after one of the most lopsided contests seen during this competition. After

an initial outburst by Croatia, Melita took control and looked set to win comfortably, but in the end it was Raul Carrizo who decided the issue, scoring Croatia's only goal.

Alex McPherson made some good saves following two free-kicks to Croatia just outside the box, then Watson was called upon to save from a great drive by Bob McPherson in the 26th minute.

A shot by Farrugia was brilliantly saved by Watson then Marian Kovacic, certainly the best player in this Croatian team, tested McPherson at the other end.

Despite Melita's outstanding effort to keep possession, chances came thick and fast at both ends and Croatia looked set to go ahead after 59 minutes with Wally Savor firing from some seven metres and only McPherson to beat. How on earth McPherson got down to that ball escapes me, but the look of disbelief on the face of Wally Savor told the tale.

Watson made another great save from Farnsworth only a minute later, then came the moment of misery for Melita. Within the space of 30 seconds it failed to score then faced a goal deficit.

After a fingertip Watson save, Croatia came out and scored from a near impossible situation. It was Marian Kovacic, the ever constructive and intelligent playmaker of Croatia who provided the pass to Rezo which led to the winning goal. Rezo crossed to the far post and Pagano was on hand to nod the ball back into the area for an unmarked Carrizo. Four Melita players looked stunned as Carrizo received the ball and it was left to Alex McPherson to challenge Carrizo, despite being left on his own for most of the game and despite hardly touching the ball all night, found the corner of the net to make it 1-0.

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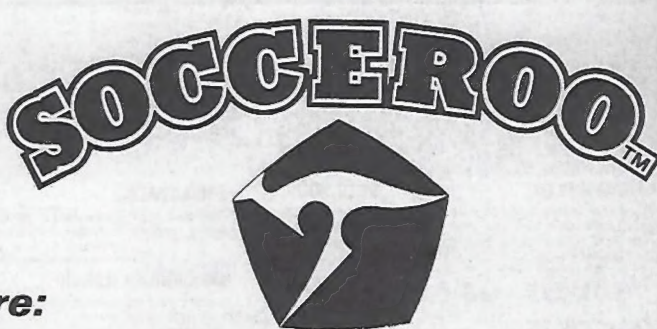


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome the New Zealand visitors to Australia for this first of an annual series clash.

The New Zealanders acquitted themselves with distinction in the 1982 World Cup and we congratulate them on their effort.

Whilst congratulating them, however, we are also out to seek friendly revenge for our loss in the elimination series in 1981.

It is essential that the Oceania Con-

federation has a strong representative in the World Series in 1986 and the interchange of the Australia and New Zealand teams is essential for the development within this area.

Once again on behalf of the executive and members of the Australian Soccer Federation we say welcome to New Zealand and trust that the game will reflect the friendly rivalry that exists between Australia and our closest neighbour.

— ARTHUR T. GEORGE,
ASF President



Sir Arthur George

Olympic Games next for New Zealand

NEW Zealand's two games against the Socceroos open what promises to be an exciting season for the kiwis.

Fearing that 1983 would be a dreary anti-climax after the exploits en route to and in Spain, the New Zealand federation entered the Olympic soccer tournament for the first time in an endeavour to provide players with a further, short term, initiative and to consolidate the tremendous interest in soccer the World Cup generated among New Zealand's sporting public.

The Kiwis have been drawn with Japan, Philippines, Taiwan and Papua New Guinea in their preliminary section.

With the top two entering the ten-strong final group of the Asia-Oceania play-offs, New Zealand should have little difficulty reaching that stage, with Japan probably accompanying them.

PNC was originally to have been the All Whites' first barrier on the road to Los Angeles in a two-match tie, until New Zealand F.A. Chairman Charlie Dempsey succeeded in getting the draw revised, with his team — now the top seed — being given a bye into the next round where it will play the winner of the Philippines v. Papua New Guinea and Japan v. Taiwan ties in a home and away series in September and October.

Finance remains a major problem for the New Zealand federation. The expected World Cup bonanza did not materialise and left players resentful that they did not receive their promised reward. At the time of writing, the marketing company which handled all Mundial promotions was threatening to sue for what it believes to be its share of proceeds from Spain.

THE NZFA therefore is in need of money and was confident of obtaining this commodity in significant amounts from the first game against Australia yesterday (Tuesday) in Auckland.

Australia "The Old Enemy", is always a sure drawcard when opposing New Zealand in New Zealand, in respect of what the sport is.

Every Australian-based correspondent of the New Zealand media has spelt it out loud and clear: the Socceroos are thirsty for revenge.

Results in Singapore, Port Moresby, Acapulco and Costa Rica confirm that the Aussies have recovered quickly from the trauma of unexpected World Cup elimination.

Is New Zealand capable over two matches of thwarting an Australian side intent on regaining its traditional title as champion of Oceania?

Despite the retirement of key players and the unavailability of overseas-based

strikers Steve Wooddin and Wynton Rufer, World Cup experienced players will provide the backbone of the Kiwi's team.

Coach Alan Jones main problem is in attack. The Wooddin - Rufer front running partnership will be extremely difficult to replace.

Billy McClure, the ex-Liverpool reserve, appears a certainty for the starting line-up, with either Mike Groom or Peter Henry alongside him — both unproven quantities at international level.



Australia's Eddie Krncevic heads one of his two goals against NZ in their 3-3 World Cup draw in Auckland in 1981. The goalkeeper is Richard Wilson and at right is NZ's Duncan Cole.

1922 Kiwis were first opponents for Australia

Socceroos have lost only seven of 32

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The first Australian national team on record was the one that toured New Zealand in 1922. Of the 14 matches played, the Socceroos won nine, drew one and lost four.

Results: v. Wanganui 2-1
v. Nelson 8-2
v. Wellington 0-3
v. Westland 2-1
v. South Island 4-1
v. Otago 2-1
v. NEW ZEALAND 1-3
v. NEW ZEALAND 1-1
v. Taranaki 6-1
v. Auckland 4-1
v. South Auckland 2-1
v. NEW ZEALAND 1-3
v. Manawatu 5-0

Loughran, Bruce Morrow, Gordon Nunn, Tony Vella, Bob Wemyss and Kev O'Neill but managed only 3-2 and 2-2 against New Zealand.

What's more, Auckland beat the Australians 2-1 in the first game of the tour.

Results: v. Auckland 1-2
v. Wellington 2-2
v. Combined NZ XI 8-1, 6-0, 8-0
v. South Island 3-0
v. Canterbury Province 10-1
v. NEW ZEALAND 3-2
v. NEW ZEALAND 2-2
v. Waikato 5-2.

The touring party was: J. Marston, capt., S. Kitching, B. Morrow, H. Murdoch, K. O'Neill (all NSW); P. Adair (WA); W. Firkins (Tas); F. Loughran, T. Vella, R. Wemyss (Vic); J. Maher, I. McCabe (SA); G. Nunn, N. Rule, B. Volger (Qld).

There have been no extended tours by one country of the other since then. Rather, they have met in recent times only in World Cup matches, in home and away challenge matches, or while both teams were overseas as was the case in Saigon in 1967 and in Jakarta in 1972.

Rudi Gutendorf has the most unenviable record as Socceroo coach against New Zealand. In the three matches under his control, Australia lost two and drew one.

Seldom has a soccer match produced the excitement and pre-match anticipation of New Zealand's clash with Australia at Newmarket Park on June 13, 1979.

With new coach John Adhead at the helm there were a few new faces among the team chosen. The Australians who had not been beaten by a New Zealand side for 25 years were, as ever, confident of winning.

Played at a hectic pace throughout and in front of a good crowd under lights, the game produced just the one goal — a crashing shot by Duncan Ormond in his debut. Called into the team at the last minute following the withdrawal on medical advice of Sandy Davie, Richard Wilson had a great game in goal for New Zealand and played a vital part in their stunning success.

Unfortunately the Australians failed to arrange the promised return and a chance for New Zealand to confirm their high standing in the Oceania region was lost.

Teams — NEW ZEALAND: Wilson, Sibley, Malcolmson, Almond, Elrick, B. Turner, Sumner, Cole, Ormond (Stamp), Nelson, Verweij.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse, Curran, Wilson, O'Connor, Degney (O'Shea), Henderson, Byrne, Jankovic (Kosmina), Watson, Krncevic, Sharne (Muniz).

Then came the World Cup qualifiers of 1981 and the result was to be disastrous for the Socceroos.

Back in the 1973 qualifiers Australia was lucky to draw 1-1 in Auckland and then away 2-1 to draw 3-3 in Sydney before qualifying for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

This time, in 1981, they drew 3-3 in Auckland and lost 0-2 in Sydney where Steve Wooddin and Grant Turner scored the goals.

The results put Australia out of the running for the finals.



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Fixtures between Australia and New Zealand became regular events after the 1922 tour. The nations met again in 1923, '33, '36, '48, '54, '58, '67, '72, '73, '76, '77, '79 and '81.

There have been 32 international matches between the two countries, not counting the one in Auckland last night (Tuesday). Of these, Australia has won 19, drawn six and lost seven, scoring 165 goals to 51.

The Socceroos' 10-0 result in Wellington in 1936 still stands as their biggest win yet. Their last loss to New Zealand was the 0-2 during the World Cup qualifying series at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1981.

The Kiwis repaid the Socceroos' 1922 tour by visiting Australia in 1923 for 15 matches, winning six, drawing two and losing seven. Australia was disgraced in the three-match Test series, winning 2-1 in Brisbane but losing 2-3 in Newcastle and 1-4 in Sydney.

In 1933, Australia won another three-match Test 4-2 in Brisbane, 6-4 in Sydney and 4-2 in Sydney.

Three years later, the Socceroos visited New Zealand and this time they were stronger than ever, beating the Kiwis 7-1 in Dunedin, 10-0 in Wellington and 4-1 in Auckland.

If the New Zealanders felt sick about those results, they were just about ready to give up soccer altogether after the Socceroos' 1948 "goodwill" visit. This time, the Australians scored 90 goals to four in winning all 13 games, including a four-match Test series.

Results of those four matches were 6-0 and 4-0 in Wellington, 7-0 in Christchurch and 8-1 in Auckland.

The Australian squad included all-time greats Joe Marston, Cee Drummond, Angus Drennan, Gordon Nunn and Frank Parsons.

The full squad: Goalkeepers: K. Hough (NSW), A. Gravell (Vic); full backs: A. Drennan (Vic), C. Drummond (NSW, capt.), A. Duncan (Qld); half backs: R. Laurie (SA), J. Marston, W. Wilson (NSW), L. Gibb (Qld); forwards: J. Hodge, J. Cunningham, F. Parsons, R. Hughes, A. Johns (NSW), G. Nunn, W. Cansick (Qld).

Goalscorers on tour, with Test goals in brackets: 18 (12) Parsons; 15 (11) Nunn; 13 (3) Johns; 12 (3) Cunningham; 10 (6) Hughes; 7 (2) Hodge; 2 (1) Laurie; 1 (1) Wilson.

New Zealand had a measure of revenge in the first Test of its 1954 tour, which it won 2-1 in Melbourne, but it lost the other two Tests 1-4 in Brisbane and 1-4 in Sydney.

The Kiwis also played against an Australian XI in Adelaide, drawing 1-1. Of their 11 tour games, they won five, drew three and lost three.

In 1958 it was Australia's turn to tour New Zealand. The Socceroos included star players Joe Marston, Frankie



... and the Australian team the Kiwis beat, from left: Murray Barnes, Peter Sharpe, Greg Woodhouse, John Yzen- doorn, Jim Tansey, Alan Davidson, Tony Henderson, Steve Blair, Billy Rogers, Mark Jankovics, Eddie Krncevic.

THE BIG SHOTS!

"PROJECT 86", is the creation of the West Nally Group and its managing director, Patrick Nally.

West Nally is a leading international sports marketing company, with unequalled experience in world class soccer.

Over the past seven years, almost every significant international football tournament has benefited from West Nally's skilled marketing and presentation.

The company has been responsible for injecting at least \$100 million into the world game.

Projects handled by West Nally include the 1976 U.S. Bicentennial soccer tournament, the 1978 World Cup in Argentina, FIFA's 75th anniversary tournament, the European Cup final, the European Cup Winners' Cup final, the 1980 European Championship, the Gold Cup (or Little World Cup) in Uruguay, the European/South American Cup and the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

West Nally's ability to make soccer appealing to the world's major companies ensured a huge increase in funding for the 1982 World Cup. As a direct result, it increased in size from 16 to 24 teams.

The marketing concepts that have been applied to world events, with great success, offer equal opportunities within Australia.

"Project 86" is a fully co-ordinated programme, packaged with sponsor appeal in mind. At the same time, it will provide Australian players with more opportunities than ever before.

"What's good for the sport should also be good news for the sponsor," says Patrick Nally. "There is no magic formula — it's a matter of

creating the right structure for the development programme, getting good television coverage and making sure that all elements of the sports are pursuing the same goal."

To Patrick Nally, that goal is a successful performance at the 1986 World Cup. "Australia has the ability to develop outstanding athletes. Given the right environment and match experience, there is no reason why Australians shouldn't participate at the highest levels of the international game."

Villa v Cosmos

European champion and European Super Cup holder Aston Villa is likely to take part in a lucrative and prestige tournament in New York this summer. New York Cosmos and a top Brazilian club are expected to be the other contestants.

Luton moves

Luton Town is planning a new \$40 million home because a motorway link is due to run through its admin. block at Kenilworth Road. The plans outlined are for a super all-seater stadium with reef and artificial turf for completion by 1985.

New NSL part of exciting new push

PROJECT 86 BRINGS US CHINA, URUGUAY, ENGLAND, CAMEROON

West Nally has created an ambitious and exciting plan for the long-term development of soccer in Australia throughout the 1980's.

The three key elements are: the staging of world-class matches against top nations IN AUSTRALIA; full commercial television coverage of these events by the Seven network and the expansion of the Australian Soccer Federation management team to include Mr. Peter Sheehan as commercial director.

These initiatives, together with the inclusion of the National Soccer League within the 'Project 86' programme now provide an ideal, united base upon which to build popular Australian support for the game and its national teams.

Top class competition is a vital part of both popularising the game and improving the national team's skill so West Nally is using its connections throughout world soccer to bring the national squads of such top nations as England, Italy and Uruguay to Australia throughout the next four years.

To start the 'Project 86' programme Australia is playing the first of a new series of annual clashes against New Zealand — the nation Australia must beat in 1985 to qualify for the 1986 World Cup.

Next year, Italy may visit Australia but meanwhile in June, Australia will play England in a 3-match Test series in Sydney on June 12, Melbourne on June 19 and Brisbane on June 15, and to end the 1983 programme a major four-nation tournament, between Australia, Uruguay, Cameroon and China will be staged in October.

Uruguay and Cameroon both took part in the 1981 World Youth Championships in Australia. Cameroon then qualified for the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

All these matches will receive full television coverage by Channel Seven and plans are now well in hand for the establishment of a regular stadium with "atmosphere" for soccer telecasts in each city.

In Sydney it is proposed that Belmore Oval will soon play host to an increasing number of 'Project 86' international matches, while in Melbourne, Olympic Park is the chosen venue.

The 'Project 86' programme will ensure a regular annual schedule of such international matches all designed to prepare the Socceroos, for the 1986 World Cup.

But, daily development of young Australian soccer talent requires a regular league which can operate with a similar forward-looking approach.

This is why West Nally has decided to include the National League competition in the overall 'Project 86' programme.

The National League is a vital training ground for top senior players and more emphasis will be placed on League clubs getting potential future Socceroos fully fit for world class competition.

The league must become a very strong base of good soccer talent, and during 1983 Peter Sheehan, the League, and the A.S.F. will undertake a full study designed to restructure the League by the start of the 1984 season.

It is envisaged that in 1984 the League will have a more marketable structure with



Johnny Warren

Warren on TV cover

The Seven network is mounting major telecasts of eight Socceroo matches each year over the next three years. It starts by covering Sydney's game against New Zealand.

Rex Mossop will lead the Seven network's on-air team. He is well known to Australia's sporting public as a Rugby League player and as one of the best football commentators in the country.

Mossop's interest extends to all football codes. He has his referee's ticket for soccer as well as for the other codes.

Assisting him will be Johnny Warren whose reputation is unmatched as a former Australian captain and as an authority on the game. He has been hosting Seven's "Big League Soccer" and the soccer segment in "Sports-world" in Sydney.

more big match promotions including, for example, the traditional Australian end-of-season semi finals and grand final.

As West Nally is undertaking a similar 'Project 86' programme of developments in the United States, a new annual "Super Soccer Bowl" grand final is contemplated, where the Australian winner of the NSL will clash with the winner of the North American NASL competition each year.

'Project 86' is a bold plan to properly establish soccer as a major sport in this country and is a true marketing programme with commercial development as the goal.

Up to eight companies, each in non-competitive product areas, will form the "family" of soccer companies.

Each will have a 4-8 year period and will receive a wide range of benefits including airtime on all soccer telecasts, up to four stadium advertising boards at each international fixture and two on each NSL field, exclusive use of the "Official Supplier" emblems and marks, the rights to produce two lines of premium merchandise, advertising in all programme, stadium franchise and sampling facilities, tickets, and an exclusively tailored sales promotion programme.

With more effective and visible coverage of the game and its inherent skill, West Nally is confident that soccer rapidly will begin to develop a popular Australian following so that, by 1986, the nation will be right behind its Socceroos as they head off to compete in the 1986 World Cup.



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Peter Katholos, 1982 Player of the Year, attacks for Sydney Olympic against Adelaide City. At left is Glen Dods, former NZ international, and at right Socceroo Bobby Russell.

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Australian coach Les Scheinflug (right), with assistant Raul Blanco.

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LES SCHEINFLUG (national coach), Socceroo captain in Australia's first World Cup campaign in 1965. Was assistant to Rale Rasic and Rudi Gutendorf. Elevated to present job in 1981 and is also coach of the youth team. So far has won Merlion Cup in Singapore, achieved quarter-finals place in 1981 WYC and qualification for 1983 WYC. Has coached Sydney Croatia, Western Suburbs (NSW), Marconi, Brisbane Lions, Adelaide City.

RAUL BLANCO (assistant coach), like Scheinflug was a star player with Sydney club Prague. Has coached Melita Eagles, St. George, Marconi, was assistant to Eddie Thomson at Sydney City and is now back at Melita Eagles.

Australia



MARTYN CROOK (West Adelaide), goalkeeper. Rated No. 1 goalkeeper over the first six years of the National League. Joined West Adelaide from Para Hills in 1975. Born in England and came here at a young age. Went back to England in 1977 to trial briefly with Middlesbrough. Made national team debut in a 3-1 victory over Shandong Province in Peking in 1979. Has played 11 games for Australia, including seven full internationals.



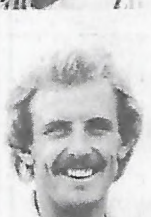
BRUCE JAMES (Blacktown), goalkeeper. Was a surprise No. 2 selection for the Merlion Cup tournament in Singapore last year, ahead of other more established goalkeepers like Dennis Boland, Jeff Oliver, Kim Wishart, Steve Hosowski, etc. However, James has been called Australia's best goalkeeper by former Blacktown coaches Mick Jones and Rale Rasic. Born in Sydney and is 24 years old. Has yet to play his first game for the Socceros.



ALAN DAVIDSON (South Melbourne Hellas), right back, left back or midfielder. Former national coach Rudi Gutendorf called him the best player in Australia. Fans also call him the Maradona of Hellas. One of the key players in the national team. Born in Melbourne, and joined Hellas in 1980 from Altona City. Graduated from the national youth team. Has scored six NSL goals. Played 25 games for Australia including 16 internationals. Made debut as sub. in 2-2 draw with Czechoslovakia in Melbourne in 1980.



STEVE BLAIR (South Melbourne Hellas), stopper. Born in Scotland, but came here at a young age. Played junior and then senior soccer with Melbourne club Albion Rovers and joined Hellas in 1981. Graduated from the national youth team, in which he played during the 1981 World Youth Championships. Socceroo debut against New Hebrides (1-0) during Oceania Cup in Noumea, 1980. Played 15 national team games, including 11 full internationals. Has scored 3 NSL goals.



TONY HENDERSON (Marconi), sweeper or midfielder. Born in England, later played for East London in South Africa before coming to Australia for the start of the NSL to join Canberra City in 1977. Transferred to Marconi in 1978 for \$14,000. Has scored 11 NSL goals. Made Socceroo debut against Wisla Krakow (1-3) in Sydney in 1979. Has played 38 national team games, including 24 full internationals, and scored five goals.



ALAN NIVEN (Brisbane Lions), left back. Born in Scotland and has been playing for Lions since the NSL started in 1977, when present Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug was coaching Lions. Has scored 3 NSL goals. Made his Socceroo debut against Fiji (4-1) in Suva in the 1981 World Cup. Has played 6 national team games — all of them full internationals.



BOBBY RUSSELL (South Melbourne Hellas), right back. Born in Scotland, played there and in New Zealand before joining Sydney Croatia, from where he transferred to Adelaide City in 1979. Joined South Melbourne for \$14,000 early this year and has scored 6 NSL goals. Voted Australian Player of the Year in 1981. Made Socceroo debut as a sub against New York Cosmos (2-1) in Sydney in 1979. Played four Socceroo matches, none of them full internationals.



DAVID RATCLIFFE (St. George Budapest), sweeper or stopper. Joined Brisbane City from Brisbane Lions and established a strong reputation there. Transferred to St. George in early 1982. Has scored 6 NSL goals. Socceroo debut against Thailand (4-0) in the 1982 Merlion Cup tournament which Australia won. That's been his only game so far.



ROBERT WHEATLEY (Blacktown), right back. Australian born, 21 years old. Wheatley started with Kuringgai. Graduated to the Socceroo squad from the national youth team, for which he played right back in the 1981 World Youth Championship. Socceroo debut as a sub against Dinamo Zagreb (3-3) in Canberra in 1981. Six Socceroo games, including four internationals.



ARNO BERTOOGNA (APIA-Leichhardt), stopper. Born in Perth, where he played for Azzuri before joining Newcastle KB United in 1979. He switched to Wollongong in 1982 and now he's joined APIA. Scored 3 NSL goals. Socceroo debut against Partizan Belgrade (1-1) in Newcastle in 1979. Has been troubled recently by injury, which kept him out of the Merlion Cup squad. Has played 13 Socceroo games, including three full internationals, and has scored one goal.



PETER KATHOLOS (Sydney Olympic), midfielder. Born in Greece and came here at a young age. Went from Canterbury-Marrickville, to St. George Budapest and then to Olympic. Has scored 18 NSL goals. Named Australian of the Year in 1982. He and Davidson provide the strongest avenue of attack. Socceroo debut against Taiwan (3-2) in Adelaide in 1981. Played 8 Socceroo games, all of them full internationals, and scored two goals.



GARY BYRNE (Canberra City), midfielder. Born in England, and is the senior Socceroo in this squad. Played junior soccer in Sydney for Camden, South Districts under 16s and Sutherland before joining Marconi, from where he transferred to Canberra in 1982. Now there's talk he may rejoin Marconi. Was in the national under 23 team in 1974-75 before being promoted to the full Socceroo team for his debut against China (1-0) in Melbourne in 1975. Has played 52 Socceroo games, including 28 full internationals, but has yet to score his first goal. In the NSL however, he has notched 22 goals.



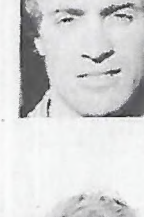
GEORGE CHRISTOPOULOS (Canberra City), midfielder. Born in Melbourne, he played junior and senior soccer for Coburg from where he transferred to South Melbourne Hellas in 1978. Switched to Canberra in 1982 after trialing in England with Newcastle. Has scored 21 NSL goals. Made Socceroo debut as a sub. against Greece (1-2) in Melbourne in 1978 and played for the national youth team 10 times. Has played 11 Socceroo matches, including six full internationals, and has scored one goal.



PETER RASKOPOULOS (Sydney Olympic), midfielder. Born in Sydney, former Rugby player who made his NSL senior debut with Olympic at only 16. Spent the 1980 season with Marconi before returning to Olympic. Has scored 8 NSL goals. Played in the World Youth Championships of 1979 and 1981. Made Socceroo debut as a sub. against Dinamo Zagreb (3-3) in Canberra in 1981. Played 9 Socceroo games including 4 full internationals, and scored one goal. Previously played 20 games for the national youth team.



PHIL O'CONNOR (Wollongong), striker or winger. Born in England where he played for Luton Town, and came to Australia in 1975 to join Safeway United (Wollongong). St. George bought him for \$9000 in 1977. He then spent 1980 and '81 with APIA and joined Wollongong in 1982. He has scored 59 NSL goals and led the all-time NSL top-scorer of St. George, and Wollongong and the second-highest APIA scorer. Made Socceroo debut against Hong Kong (0-1) in Canberra in 1976. Played 17 Socceroo games including 10 full internationals, and scored four goals.



JOHN KOSMINA (Sydney City Hakoah), striker. Born in Adelaide. Joined West Adelaide on loan from Polonia Adelaide for the start of the NSL in 1977. He was so impressive in the national team during a tournament against Arsenal, Celtic and Red Star that year, that Arsenal signed him. He played a few senior matches with Arsenal before returning to West Adelaide in 1979. In between, he played off-season guest matches with Adelaide City at the start of 1981. Was voted Best under 21 Player in Australia in 1977 and was NSL top scorer in 1982 with 23 goals. Has scored 58 NSL goals. Made Socceroo debut against Bologna (3-0) in Adelaide in 1976. Has played 45 Socceroo games, including 29 full internationals, and scored 17 goals.

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Former New Zealand national coach John Adshead (right), with assistant Kevin Fallon. Adshead has been replaced by Allan Jones.

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New Zealand

ALLAN JONES (National coach): New Zealand's national director of coaching since 1979, Jones replaces John Adshead who resigned just 10 days before the two-match series against Australia. Jones was national coach of English Fourth Division club Darlington and handles the NZ youth team.

KEVIN FALLON (Assistant Coach): Often abrasive, invariably effective, Fallon has motivating ability and defensive expertise. A professional with Rotherham United, Southend United and Sligo Rovers (Eire), Fallon came the youngest coach in the Rothmans' National League when appointed to the post at Gisborne City in 1972, 34 years of age, he still plays Gisborne's defence.



DAVID MITCHELL (Sydney City Hawks), striker. A discovery of former national coach Rale Rasic, who signed Mitchell from the SA State League while Rasic was coaching Adelaide City in 1979. Transferred to Sydney City in early 1982. Has scored 21 NSL goals. Played in the 1981 World Youth Championship. Made Soccerroo debut against Taiwan (3-2) in Adelaide in 1981. Played 9 Soccerroo games, including 8 full internationals, and scored 8 goals.



GARY COLE (Heidelberg Utd), striker. All-time top NSL scorer with 81 goals in six seasons — all with Heidelberg, the club he joined from Ringwood Wilhelmia in 1976. Born in England, he played for South Yarra in Melbourne before joining Wilhelmia. Former Australian under 23 representative, made Soccerroo debut against Greece (1-2) in Melbourne in 1978, and scored Australia's only goal. Has played 33 Soccerroo games including 18 full internationals, and scored 21 goals — equal second with Ray Baartz behind top-scorer Attila Abonyi. Scored seven in the 10-0 World Cup victory over Fiji last year, believed to be a goalscoring world record in a World Cup match.



MARK JANKOVICS (Marconi), striker. Born in Australia, made senior debut with St. George and was second-highest scorer in its 1975 NSW championship win. Transferred to Marconi for \$7500 in 1978 and was NSL top scorer with 18 goals in 1979. In all, has scored 65 NSL goals. Made Soccerroo debut against New Zealand (1-0) in Auckland in 1976. Played 30 Soccerroo games including 14 full internationals, and scored 2 goals.



MARSHALL SOPER (Sydney Olympic), striker. Born in Australia, he transferred from APIA to Olympic this year for \$20,000 — the equal highest price paid so far this season, and was a sensation in a pre-season challenge tournament. Has scored 25 goals in two NSL seasons. Has yet to make his Soccerroo debut.



TONY BRENNAN (Canberra City), striker. Born in Australia, joined Canberra from Brisbane Lions in 1980 and has scored 20 NSL goals. Has yet to make his Soccerroo debut.



New Zealand against Brazil during the 1982 World Cup in Spain. Goalkeeper Frank Van Hattum saves a shot by Socrates. The NZ defenders are Ricki Herbert and Bobby Almond (right).

New Zealand



FRANK VAN HATTUM (Christchurch Mogal United): Surprisingly elevated to the position of his country's number one goalkeeper in Spain, van Hattum enjoyed a superb World Cup. Sought by Feyenoord after the Mundial, he was thwarted from joining the crack European outfit by his then club Manurewa which insisted upon a transfer fee. When van Hattum's contract elapsed, Feyenoord had lost interest: as the Dutch season was well underway. Recently signed by Christchurch Mogal United. Age: 24. NZ Appearances: 15.



BARRY PICKERING (National Mutual Miramar Rangers): A highly competent keeper, whose international opportunities have been hampered by a series of injuries, Pickering made his New Zealand debut at the 1978 President's Cup in Seoul. A member of the Wellington provincial team which toured Northern New South Wales in 1980, Pickering played for Petone, Stop Out and Christchurch Mogal United, before joining his present club; with which he won a Chatham Cup runners up medal last season. Age: 26. NZ Appearances: 7.



RICKI HERBERT (Sydney Olympic): An ever-present during the Kiwis' epic World Cup campaign, Herbert is a powerful, mobile centre back. His aerial ability at both ends of the paddock was crucial in keeping New Zealand on the road to Spain. Now with Sydney Olympic, he has the credentials to become one of New Zealand's greatest soccer sons. Age: 21. NZ Appearances: 26.



ALLAN BOATH (Unattached): A hard-running, determined midfielder or central defender, Boath was one of the more impressive New Zealanders in Spain and promises to be a vital part of John Adshead's plans for the future. World Cup commitments limited Boath's appearances for West Adelaide in 1982, his first season in Phillips' League soccer. Now back in New Zealand, he is currently training with Christchurch Mogal United, but has yet to sign a contract with them. Recent statements indicate that Boath would welcome an opportunity to continue his career in Australia. The Scottish born player's previous clubs include Dundee United, Forfar Athletic and Woolston Working Men's Club. Age: 25. NZ Appearances: 12.



DUNCAN COLE (Canberra City): Cole, an enthusiastic, pacy powerhouse type player, is equally at home in defence or midfield, but probably better equipped for the latter role. An integral part of New Zealand's squad since his debut against England B in 1978, Cole is now back at Canberra after stints with original club Hanimex North Shore United and Tung Sing (Hong Kong). Age: 24. NZ Appearances: 38.

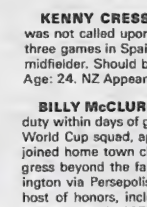
MARTIN FELTON (Manurewa): Drafted from the New Zealand Under 19 team, which contested the Oceania Youth Cup in Papua New Guinea, English born Felton is a solid defender who may well be asked to fill the vast void left by Bobby Almond's retirement. A member of the Papatoetoe club side which won the Northern Regional League last year, he recently signed for Manurewa. Age: 19. NZ Appearances: 0.



STEVE SUMNER (Manurewa): Sumner, an inspirational captain and forceful midfielder, has emerged as one of the great figures in New Zealand sport during the past two years. Always on the lookout for scoring opportunities, he boasts goals against Australia and Scotland, plus 6 against Fiji. Failed to make the expected impression in Australia during spells with Newcastle KB United (1981) and West Adelaide (1982). Now back in New Zealand with Manurewa. Age: 27. NZ Appearances: 70.



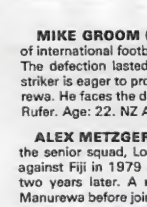
KEITH MURRAY (Manurewa): A lively, bustling linkman, well nick-named "Buzzer". Only 5'7", but with a big heart, Mackay was judged New Zealand's best World Cup performer by John Adshead. He recently joined Manurewa, after being formerly with Gisborne City and Elson United. Age: 26. NZ Appearances: 21.



KENNY CRESSWELL (Gisborne City): Cresswell, a utility player, was not called upon for the World Cup qualifying series, yet played in all three games in Spain. He shows excellent technique as both full back and midfielder. Should be on the international scene for many years to come. Age: 24. NZ Appearances: 14.



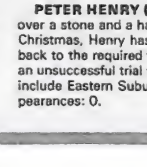
BILLY MCCLURE (Mount Wellington): Called up for New Zealand B duty within days of gaining citizenship, McClure was later promoted to the World Cup squad, appearing against China, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. He joined home town club Liverpool straight from school, but could not progress beyond the famous reds' reserve team and moved to Mount Wellington via Persepolis (Iran). With Mount Wellington, McClure has won a host of honors, including the Arcus Trophy as New Zealand's best and fairest player in 1979. Age: 24. NZ Appearances: 10.



MIKE GROOM (Manurewa): Disenchanted by his early experiences of international football in 1980, Groom retired and turned to road cycling. The defection lasted only a few months and now the rejuvenated blond striker is eager to progress. Initially with Hamilton, Groom is now at Manurewa. He faces the daunting task of replacing the voluntarily exiled Wynton Rufer. Age: 22. NZ Appearances: 14.

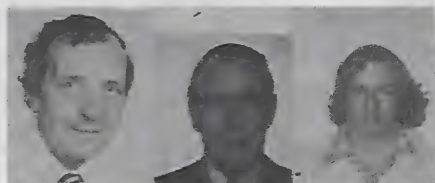


ALEX METZGER (Mount Wellington): Another who has returned to the senior squad, London born Metzger gained his first international cap against Fiji in 1979 and was a member of the Merdeka Tournament side two years later. A midfielder, he served Blockhouse Bay, Lyndale and Manurewa before joining Mount Wellington. Age: 23. NZ Appearances: 6.



ADRIAN ELRICK (Hanimex North Shore United): With the discarding of Brian Turner, Elrick is now the squad's most experienced member. Able to play at left back or in midfield, Elrick proved himself to be a supreme exponent of tight, man to man marking during the World Cup. Scottish born, he came to New Zealand as an infant and has been with his present club since 1968. Age: 33. NZ Appearances: 77.

PETER HENRY (Hanimex North Shore United): Admitting to being over a stone and a half overweight when brought into the squad just after Christmas, Henry has undertaken a strict training schedule to get himself back to the required fitness. An exciting, but inconsistent, forward, he had an unsuccessful trial with Sydney City Hawks in 1980. Other clubs served include Eastern Suburbs, Hamilton and Courier Rangers. Age: 21. NZ Appearances: 0.



Harry Croft

Bill Curran

David Gilbert

• The Australian under 16 squad that finished second in the 1979 Lion City Cup in Singapore. Vaneri is now with Marconi, Carter plays NSL with APIA, Petikas with Olympic. The pictures are from the official Lion City Cup programme.



Tony Vaneri

Chris Miner

Angelo Petrakos

Brett Wood

Paul Carter



David Watt

James Patikas

Clark Anderson

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Chris Spanos



Romano Rossi

Robert Erdog

Darren Taylor

George Savidis

Brian Stark

Success the result of many tours

The success of the national youth team in qualifying for the finals of the World Youth Championship is the latest in a long series of milestones for Australian youth soccer.

There was, for example, the 1978 American tour by the national school-boys squad, and our participation in the 1979 Lion City Cup tournament for under 16 teams in Singapore.

The team that finished runner-up to Iraq in the Lion City Cup provided three players for the 1981 World Youth Championship squad — Jim Patikas, Brett Woods and David Watt.

The Australians, under Victorian coach Bill Curran topped their group with nine points from a possible 12, and a goals tally of 17-2. Next came Iraq, Bahrain, Singapore B, South Korea, India and Malaysia A.

The finishing order in the other group was: Thailand, Singapore A, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia B, Brunei, Indonesia and Hong Kong.

Australia beat Singapore A 3-0 in the semi-finals but lost 1-3 to Iraq in the final.

The previous year, 1978, coach Bobby McLachlan took the national schoolboys squad to North America.

That squad provided many players for the 1978-1979 World Youth Championship qualifying series — Greg Woodhouse, Mike Milovanovic, George Christopoulos, John Spanos, Mike Boogaard, Peter Raskopoulos, Malcolm McClelland, Eddie Krncevic and Paul Kay.

Of these, Raskopoulos and Kay also played in the 1981 World Youth Championships.

Quite clearly, such touring experience is vital to the development of young players. Who can doubt it after the experience of the past four months?

When it came to the crunch during the qualifying series in Costa Rica, Les Scheinflug's men were sufficiently battle-hardened and closely-knit as a



• Raul Blanco relaxes with Australia's top soccer paper.

unit to withstand the fiercest possible pressure. Their resilience, their team play, their toughness and their personal friendships all had been developed during a long and hard touring campaign.

They had competed with the world's best — Argentina, Brazil, USSR — in the Havelange youth tournament in Mexico, and they had on the Oceania Youth Cup in steam- ing Port Moresby.

Most back home believed that after they had lost 1-3 to Israel in the first qualifying match in Costa Rica, the Australians were dead and gone.

But not so; they won the return game with Israel 2-1 and in doing so they gave the Israelis a taste of the sort of muscle that the Israelis had dished out earlier.

The result of course, is history. Israel, needing to beat Costa Rica in the last game to overtake Australia, managed only a 2-2 draw, meaning Australia had qualified for the world youth finals in Mexico in June.

Tom McCulloch, Australian captain and sweeper, was hailed as one of the team's finest players, but in that 2-1 victory over Israel, the glory went to midfielders Jim Patikas and Russell Stewart. Patikas, incidentally, was in the national under 16 squad in Singapore in 1979, and also played in the finals of the 1981 world youth titles.

David Lowe and Red Brown formed a skilful and deadly attacking combination, with Fabio Incantatupo wide on the left, and Frank Farina on the right.

Chris Hummell of Canberra City was solid and sometimes spectacular in goal, while Roy Jones was a tower of strength in defence. There were many others of course, but basically it was team work rather than individual brilliance that got the young Socceroos into the finals.

And while they bask in their success, they should spare some thought to the tradition established for them over these past six years or so. Without that groundwork, without the pioneering, the success would have been unthinkable.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Back, back!

Some 300 people waited for the young Socceroos at Mascot airport to cheer and hug the youngsters who put up a magnificent effort to come from behind and win the WYC qualifying series in Costa Rica from Israel.

It is the second time the Socceroos have qualified for the World Youth Cup and the first time that the Aussies have come through by winning their qualifying series.

"We have never experienced anything like the tackling we copped in the very first game of the tournament," said Tom McCulloch, Marconi's young midfielder. "Most of us played in the top competition in Australia, but this was something else," he added. "It was too much for us in the first game and we lost, but we knew what to expect in the second game against Israel and that was the difference."

"In fact it was our second game against Israel that won the tournament. They never recovered from that match. We beat them and on top of it they lost a couple of players through suspension. The rest of the Israeli side could not cope with the mental and physical pressures and succumbed meekly," added Les Scheinflug.

Raul Blanco, assistant coach, was elated: "As you know I was able to converse with the locals in Spanish. During the last 10 minutes of the game between Costa Rica and Israel, the locals started to move forward and tear the Israelis apart. But at the same time they opened up at the back allowing the Israelis to counter and create an opening. I started screaming at them in Spanish to regroup and GO BACK, for God sake! They obviously didn't hear me, and in the end we all had to cry a little in relief."

— ALEX VESIC



• National coach Les Scheinflug and youth team captain Tom McCulloch show off the trophy won for qualifying for the WYC finals in Costa Rica at a press conference on their return. Picture by ALEX VESIC

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They've made it to Mexico

Here is the triumphant Socceroo squad that has qualified for the 1982 World Youth Championships in Mexico in June. The only picture missing is that of Frank Farano.



Ralph Maier



Russell Stewart



Danny Wright



Tom McCulloch



Fabio Incantalupo



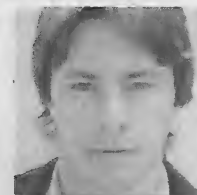
David Lowe



Paul Daley



Marcelo Salvo



Joe Mullen



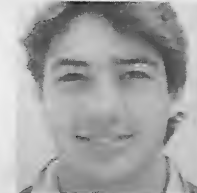
Jim Patikas



Ray Vlietstra



David Miller



Rene Licata



Rod Brown



Chris Hummell



Frank Farina



Roy Jones



Luciano Fabrizio



From this team emerged many of Australia's current Socceroos. It's the Australian schoolboys team that toured North America in 1978. From left, standing: Malcolm McClelland, Peter Katholos, Charlie Yankos, Eddie Krncevic, Tony Pezzano, Greg Woodhouse, Mike Milovanovic, Mike Boogard, Peter Raskopoulos, John Spanos, Tommy O'Halloran. Front: Jack Dodd (team manager), Arthur Sharpe, Ian Hunter, George Christopoulos, Bobby McLachlan (coach), Danny Moulis, Paul Iannance, Paul Kay, Bill Turner (liaison officer).

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Young players star in NSL

Who'll be the next Craig Johnston?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Australian soccer may be on the threshold of producing quality youth en masse to match the ever-increasing quantity of juniors playing soccer in this country.

Craig Johnston of English giant Liverpool still is the only million dollar Australian product.

Eddie Krncevic, a Soccerroo youth product, is in his second year as a full time professional with leading Yugoslav club Dinamo Zagreb.

Australia's soccer youth is on the march. Of that there can be no doubt.

Our national youth team

was beaten in a three-nation clash in Paraguay in 1979 in its attempt to qualify for the World Youth Cup finals. As host nation of this prestigious tournament in 1981 we gained an automatic berth into the finals and stunned the soccer world with a 2-1 victory over Argentina and a 1-1 draw with England, results which catapulted us into the quarter-finals

where we lost 1-0 to eventual world youth champion West Germany.

Now we're off to Mexico to contest the finals of the 1983 World Youth Cup.

Every sports minded Australian in this sports mad country can't have failed to be impressed by

our youth team. The manner in which we overcame the Israelis in Costa Rica also stirs the Australian blood which pumps ever faster in the knowledge that tremendous odds have been overcome.

Most Australian fans love to attribute a never-

say-die quality to their sporting heroes. The 1983 Australian youth team never will lose that tag.

Giant inroads have been made by our youth team into a largely hostile media. At last year's Sport Australia awards our youth team was acknowledged as the greatest team in the land that year.

The hurriedly and poorly organised "Battle of the Codes" held recently in Melbourne indirectly acknowledges the success of Australian soccer's youth. This VFL-masterminded tourney was a propaganda exercise organised in direct response to statistics showing the dramatic upsurge in junior participation in soccer.

State and National Youth Leagues are in their infancy but their existence is a necessary step toward developing local talent. Let's hope that such leagues become stronger and serve as stepping stones to senior team careers for the many promising, talented youngsters in their ranks.

Jimmy Shoulder's Institute of Sport team provided seven players of the 19 member youth squad which triumphed in Costa Rica — Danny Wright, Marcelo Salvo, Frank Farina, Rod Brown, Anthony Franken, Luciano Fabrizio and Chris Hummel — irrefutable evidence of the important part played by the institute in the development of local talent.

Just look at some of the local talent content in the national league: Seb Giampaolo, Walter Valeri, Tony Morsello (APIA); Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos, Marshall Soper (Olympic); David Lowe, Howard Tredinnick, Neil Endacott (Newcastle KB); Robbie Dunn, Tom

Draw for the finals

The draw for the World Youth Cup finals in Mexico next year will be made in Mexico City today (Wednesday).

The 16 qualifiers will be split into four groups with the venues Mexico City, Toluca, Puebla, Guadalajara, Monterrey, Irapuato and Leon.

The qualifiers are:
EUROPE: Austria, Scotland, Netherlands, Poland, Czechoslovakia and USSR.

AFRICA: Ivory Coast and Nigeria.

ASIA: South Korea and China.

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA: USA and Mexico.

SOUTH AMERICA: Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

OCEANIA: Australia.

Totsikas, Steve Atsals (West Adelaide); Arthur Xanthopoulos, Alan Davidson, Peter Laumets (South Melbourne Hellas); Mark Jankovics, Rene Licata, Ian Hunter (Marconi); Con Opasinas, Claude Lucchesi (Preston Make-donia); Col Bennett, Alan Niven, Steve Hogg (Brisbane Lions); Jeff Oliver, Charlie Yankos, Mick Valentine (Heidelberg); George Christopoulos, Jim Murray, Steve Hoszowski (Canberra); Dave Skeen, Robbie Slater, Mark Barton (St George); Peter Tokesi, Steve Glockner, Bevan Bohan (Brisbane City); Zoran Ilioski, Vlatko Belic, Slobodan Stojicevski (Footscray J.U.S.T.); John Nyskohus, Charlie Villani, Chris Manou (Adelaide City).
We're moving at last. Let's not lose our impetus.



The Australian team that won the Oceania Cup in Noumea in 1980 — mainly young players from the then youth team. At left is Peter Raskopoulos, flanked by Vic Bozanic, Steve Blair and Yakka Banovic. Eddie Krncevic holds aloft the trophy, next to coach Rudi Gutendorf, and Alan Davidson is at front, centre.



Craig Johnston of Liverpool — Australia's first million dollar player.

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Former youth international Eddie Krncevic (left), with team mate Greg Woodhouse. Krncevic now plays for Dinamo Zagreb in Yugoslavia.



Four stars who emerged from the 1978-79 national youth team, train on Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro on a Soccerroo tour, from left: Theo Salemidis, Peter Katholos, Steve Hogg, Greg Woodhouse.

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Bond dallies, hail Kaiser

Story uncovered early in week about private eye agency talling John Bond who recently quit as manager of Manchester City and revealing he has been having an affair with a 36-year-old divorcee for some time. The woman works as a lottery clerk at City's Maine Road ground and her ex-husband with whom she is now reconciled plays for Man City Social Club FC and alleges Bond broke up their marriage. Bond, 50, is married with a grown-up family and son Kevin plays for Man City.

Kaiser honored

Franz Beckenbauer who captained West Germany to World Cup victory in 1974 and won three European Cup medals and a host of domestic trophies with Bayern Munich has been honored by his native state of Bavaria. The 37-year-old has been awarded the Order of Merit for making Bavaria 'famous throughout the world'.

Moore for US

Reports suggest that Bobby Moore, who captained England's victorious World Cup final side in 1966, may quit as boss of Hong Kong side Eastern United to team up with another former English star, Rodney Marsh, in control of American Soccer League team Carolina Lightning.

No appearance

One of the player survivors of the Manchester United Munich air disaster in 1958, John Berry, was an absentee from a recent reunion. Although it was reported that Berry still felt the effects too deeply to attend, it is known he has had a long-standing dispute with the club.

Natgrass nags

Middlesbrough defender Irving Natgrass, who cost the club \$750,000 from Newcastle in 1979 and is now 30, breeds and owns nine top show-jumping horses — a legacy from his father-in-law the late James Little who was a leading trainer. But Natgrass, a former England under 23 international, still wants to go into soccer management when his playing days are over.

First bargain

Liverpool has made it crystal clear it will no longer pay astronomical transfer fees and will comb the lower leagues for potential talent. The First Division league leader has grabbed its first bargain, 17-year-old Darren McLean, a midfielder from Scottish Highland League club Inverness Thistle for a mere \$50,000.

Athey signs

Bill Athey, the England and Yorkshire cricketer, has signed for Third Division Brentford on a non-contract basis.

Platini to go?

Michel Platini, France's World Cup captain, is reported as saying he will quit Juventus next year to play in the North American Soccer League.

UK sin bin?

John Camkin, former top sports journalist who is secretary of the Football League Executive Staffs Association has revealed a vast majority of clubs in England would support an application to the International Football Federation for the introduction of the 'sin bin'. Camkin also said majority of clubs are against complete freedom of contract for players and against artificial playing pitches which only Queens Park Rangers have.

Clarinda's 'Catch 22', Epifano at Thomastown

Victorian Provisional League
round-up with CRAIG MACKENZIE

A bitter taste remains in the mouths of Clarinda officials in the wake of the reshuffle of the Victorian leagues which took place late last year.

Clarinda finished third in Third Division of the Provisional Leagues — yet fourth placed Clifton Hill was promoted instead, in the reshuffle caused by the amalgamation of State Leagues Sunshine and George Cross.

Many third placed clubs were promoted to fill vacancies which mushroomed throughout the leagues as a result of the Chaplin Reserve marriage.

Clarinda sought an official explanation from Soccer House. It met with as much success as I did.

The examining and screening sub-committee of the federation decided which clubs would be promoted to fill the vacancies and in accordance with the VSF constitution we do not have to give a reason for such decisions," said VSF secretary George Wallace.

Was the film 'Catch 22' loosely based upon certain operations of the VSF?

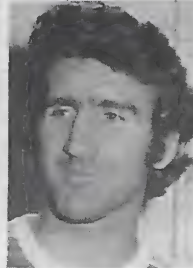
The VSF constitution certainly isn't a humanistic document designed to deal with the realities of communication between Soccer House and VSF member clubs.

It's about time that either the constitution is changed or the attitude of people interpreting it at an official level is changed.

The aims and aspirations of many clubs are at stake. Take Clarinda for instance. Should the Greek sponsored club aim to win the championship this year or go all out to finish in fourth place in Third Division? Clarinda is confident of finishing in the top two spots this season and hopefully winning promotion.

Ex-South Melbourne Hellas player Takis Mandarakis is coach. He took over for the second half of last season and Clarinda won a staggering 23 out of a possible 26 points.

As we went to press it was



Wally Kulyk

expected that Hawthorn midfielder Bill Gatzonis would join Clarinda. Attacking midfielder Arthur Giannakis and winger Bill Ferganotis from Frankston City already have been signed as has defender John Antoniou from South Melbourne Mordialloc.

Striker Clive Holmes from South Springvale has joined.

Michael Gavardinis looks like being the only loss from last year's first team. He's rumored to be signing with a Metro League club.

East Brunswick

Former George Cross, Juventus, Fawkner and Thomastown star, Dario Epifano, is the new coach of East Brunswick. The Italian sponsored club has signed striker Terry Mooney from Rosanna. Marko Karapetatos could be leaving. He joined East Brunswick from Western Suburbs in 1981.

Ballarat

Ballarat's talented striker John Kennedy, ex-Sandringham, may miss the entire season due to a back injury.

Former player Harry Arts is first team coach and Ballarat will concentrate upon integrating its more promising juniors into senior ranks. They include 15 year old left winger Andrew Lewis, 16 year old full back Ian Reeves and 17 year old midfielder Bret Thomas.

Two local forwards, 20 year old Barry Schuurs and 18 year old Robert Smith, have been training with Ballarat and are expected to join.

Shepparton

Former Australian international Frank Loughran is the oldest senior player in the Metro or Provisional Leagues. The ex-Coburg midfielder is 53 and looks likely to pull on his boots for Shepparton City once more. He played there last year.

Loughran's son, Sam, is first team coach so Dad shouldn't have too many selection worries.

Shepparton City is bidding for two players from the Bendigo Colts. One of them is midfielder Mark O'Sullivan.

Sweeper Robbie Clark looks likely to return from Monbulk and goalkeeper Tony Holt, who missed most of last season due to injury, is fit again.

Shepparton will play Monbulk in a friendly game at Moore Road, Monbulk on Saturday, March 5.

Kyneton

Wally Kulyk of Melbourne Croatia fame is the new player-coach of Kyneton United.

Young Frankston Pines midfielder Ken Murphy is set to sign but Kyneton looks certain to lose striker Wally Schulliger who joined from Ardeer last year.

South Dandenong

Surely South Dandenong was the most successful club in Victoria, if not Australia, last year.

The seniors won the championship, the reserves finished second, the under-18s won the championship, the under-14s finished second, the under-13s won the championship, the under-11s won the championship and the under-10s finished second!

Carlos Bravo senior is first team coach. His namesake and son, Ringwood Wilhelmine's goalkeeper, also hopes to join but Wilhelmine's asking price, believed to be about \$500, is proving prohibitive.

The Chelsea sponsored club has lost three players to Cheltenham — midfielder Eduardo Sanchez, left back

Juan Vega and utility player
Rene Vega.

Altona United

Former Victorian junior representative and Footscray JUST player, Paul Oravec, is coaching Altona United.

United has retained the bulk of last year's squad, notably its 1982 best and fairest, stopper Josip Pavic; striker Slobodan Dimitrievski, a former Altona United junior who had a stint at Altona Gate; defender Tommy Dimovski, a 20 year old in his seventh year with the club; and attacking midfielder Paul Gallo, a former Victorian junior player.

Moe United

Former Leeds United trialist, Ian Lindsay, is the newly appointed player-coach of Moe United. The midfielder has coached the Latrobe Valley to success in the past three annual country championships.

Diamond Valley

Diamond Valley (formerly Diamond Creek) has signed eight



Takis Mandarakis during his playing days at South Melbourne Hellas.

new players and was negotiating with Thomastown to buy a striker as we went to press.

Former Heidelberg Bundoora and Greensborough coach Neilson Love is first team boss.

The newcomers are: Full backs Ken and Paul Watson from Heidelberg Bundoora; 18 year old midfielder Robert Love, ex-Heidelberg-Bundoora and Greensborough; Maurice Mihalidis, an 18 year old midfielder from Northcote; former Melbourne

Croatia striker Tony Morkovic; Rosanna defender Bernie Yearnsley whose transfer fee was about \$1000; Peter Harry, a goalkeeper formerly on the books of English club Trammere Rovers; and left winger Brian Reid from North Dandenong.

Diamond Valley recently moved into new \$80,000 club-rooms and at this early stage of the season has emerged as a leading candidate for promotion from Provisional Third Division.

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VICTORIA 2 (Murphy 22nd, Brown 27th) **QUEENSLAND 0** at Perry Park. Crowd: 1500. Conditions: Hot and humid. Referee: Allan Kibbler. 7. Cautions: Qld — Russell Stewart 55'; Vic — Brown 11', Peter Lewis 44'.

QUEENSLAND: Tony Scanlan 5, Steve Perry 7, Frank Liddell 8, Peter Tokesi 7, Billy Wilkinson 6, Phil Thompson 5 (Danny Wright H.T. 7), Russell Stewart 7, Frank Pimblett 9, Steve Hogg 7, Billy Williamson 7, Stephen Glockner 7.

VICTORIA: Dennis Egan 8, Peter Lewis 7, John Yendoom 8, Ian Dobson 8, Charlie Yankos 7, Jim Campbell 7, Ken Murphy 8, Doug Brown 7, Charlie Egan (Paul Lewis 7th, 51, Steve Woodcock 7, George Campbell 9 (Adams 65th).

Victorian coach Tim White rated his state side second in Australia only to the national team after it defeated Queensland 2-0 in a scrappy encounter at Perry park last Sunday.

"I have the nucleus now of what is a good side and with so many other talented players trying to get into the Victorian team, we can only get better," a confident White said.

Victoria played without national team defenders Steve Blair and Alan Davidson and injured Gary Cole, but still proved too organised for the disjointed Queensland team which had only a limited preparation under new coach Bruce Stowell.

As expected Queensland stacked the midfield with Steve Hogg, Frank Pimblett, Phil Thompson and Russell Stewart, but the Victorians, despite losing Charlie Egan after 30 minutes, stuck to their pre-match plan and swung the ball wide, attacking down the flanks.

Speedy South Melbourne Hellas striker George Campbell was particularly effective and caused former Socceroo fullback Steve Perry to stay in close attention and not move forward on an overlap.

Campbell could join Melbourne in based national league rival Preston Makedonia this week. Doug Brown on the other flank bustled his way through on a number of occasions and was rewarded with his 27th minute goal.

But the first breakthrough came from South Melbourne's Ken Murphy who looked effective in midfield and certainly not shy in taking on Queensland defenders. Many of the



Ricky Rosso

Memories, memories

By PETER SCOTT

Maroons seemed to be taken by surprise as Murphy ran straight at them then weaved to the side. He gave an indication of things to come with a good run in the fifth minute and again in the 17th minute.

Shortly after, in the 22nd minute, Queensland allowed John Yendoom to knock a freekick almost across the width of the box to Murphy who blasted it into the top corner past an unsuspecting Scanlan.

Brown's goal, only five minutes later, was even more unbelievable. The stocky Preston Makedonia striker turned on the edge of the box, cut in slightly and lobbed in what was little more than a speculative shot. Scanlan appeared to have it covered but to the surprise of everyone, the ball continued through his hands into the net.

At 2-0 up after only 27 minutes, and playing conditions still very humid and hot, Victoria was in the box seat. It pushed the ball across the park forcing the Queenslanders to chase and obviously eventually tire.

For the next hour to full-time, both teams had only two real scoring chances each in a match which rarely got above a pre-season muddle. Some aggression crept into the match and more Queenslanders were lucky not to join the two Victorians in the book.

Just prior to the Victorian second goal, big defender Peter Tokesi managed to hit a great volley off a Stewart corner and Williamson flick on. The shot went wide of a diving Boland before Yendoom popped it from going in the net.

But the Footscray J.U.S.T. keeper was outstanding on all other occasions and made several good saves including one with his legs at close range from Glockner.

Ian Dobson, making his state team debut, rarely put a foot wrong and with the guidance of the experienced Yendoom was not only sound in defence, but did an amazing

Queensland's clash against Victoria at Perry Park last Sunday brings back memories of years gone by, when interstate matches were not only fairly regular, but also major attractions on the soccer calendar.

Memories come flooding back.

Who can remember when Tasmania's appearance — yes, Tasmania's at the Sydney Sports Ground drew 9000 spectators?

Our current Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug can, I bet, seeing he was on the left wing wearing the blue colors of NSW.

Then there was the three-day tournament in Melbourne, with four States participating some 20 years ago, with the star-studded NSW squad recording some very unimpressive results.

This was in spite of the magical Austrians of Prague and Hakoah fame at the time all being available.

Well, perhaps not quite, since rumor had it that some team members were so busy at Melbourne races that they simply could not be expected to devote too much of their time to actually playing soccer.

Memories, memories...

amount of support work and even was unlucky not to score with a header off a corner early in the second half.

The fine attitude of the team must reflect on the captaincy of Jim Campbell, his first time in the role, and although he was a little more quiet than usual in the play, his direction was obvious.

Pimblett was by far the best Queensland, doing an amazing amount of work and dictating much of the play. In fact, overall the Queensland performance only proved to boost the national league hopes of Brisbane City supporters. The seven City players, including Billy Williamson who is certain to switch clubs, were among the Maroons' best.

Denridder, Pongho to Wilhelmina?

CROYDON 0 ALBION ROVERS 0 at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kastner 6 — Rainey 7, Singleton 7, McCombe 6, Hobson 7 — Brown 7, Wade 6, Rooney 7 — P. Laughane 6, N. N. Li 6. **ALBION:** Costello 8 — Ogden 7, Henessey 9, F. Macleod 8, Stuart 7 — Ferrie 8, McMillan 7, Galea 9 — Dickson 6, D'Sylva 7, L. Murphy 7.

Croydon defender or midfielder Peter Denridder, could move to Ringwood Wilhelmina. The Dutch sponsored Wilhelmina also is interested in signing Alan Pongho from Croydon. Pongho has certainly not shied from last season for personal reasons.

This 0-0 result was of little consequence. Both sides already had qualified for the Buffalo Cup semi. Albion qualified the day before this match when rival Polonia was defeated 2-1 by Falkner.

Bennie Ferrie came closest for Albion in the first half with a stunning 30 metre volley in the 12th minute which cannoned onto the bar.

Albion has every right to feel hard done by after its pen-

alty appeals in the 45th minute were ignored. Croydon stopper Steve McCombe clearly pulled down Micky D'Sylva well inside the area. Fortunately for the home side play was allowed to continue.

Dean Henessey did well in his debut for Albion but Brian

Galea was Albion's best and looks to have a very promising future in State League.

Albion persisted with the off-side play and although Croydon had a lot of possession, credit must go to Albion for the commitment shown by most of its players.

BUFFALO CUP FINAL STANDINGS

| | SECTION A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Croydon | | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 7 | |
| Albion Rovers | | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | | |
| Polonia | | 1 | 2 | 7 | 3 | | |
| Falkner | | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | | |
| Wilhelmina | | 0 | 2 | 5 | 2 | | |

Croydon and Albion Rovers qualify for the semi-finals.

| | SECTION B | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| S.M. Hellas | | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | |
| Sun-G. Cross | | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 | | |
| Norco | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Doveton | | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | |
| Box Hill | | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | |

S.M. Hellas and Sun-G. Cross qualify for the semi-finals.

CROSS VICTORIAN

STRIKES BACK

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 2 (Gilder 27th, Mussel 53rd) **DOVETON 2** (Stirton 4th, Cridge 18th) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Contini 6, Mussel 8, Love 7, Lawson 6, McKinley 7 — Scarni 6, Richardson 6, Mudrinic 5 (Watters 43rd) — Pato 7, Gilder 7, McRobert 6.

DOVETON: Ryan 7 — Thurlove 8, Corko 8, Mului 7, Waite 5 — Dowie 7, Cridge 5 (Bruce H.T. 6), Waterhouse 6 — Stirton 7, M. Lennon 7 (P. Lennon 60th), Artlett 7.

Doveton rocked Sunshine-George Cross with two goals in the first 29 minutes but couldn't keep the combie at bay, especially in the second half when the commitment of the home side wore down the inexperienced Doveton line-up.

Sean Keogh didn't play because Doveton coach Ernie Merrick wanted to see young Adam Ryan in action. Ryan, a product of Doveton's juniors, played on loan with Mornington in Metro Third Division last season. With Lou Ivanoff joining Pines, Merrick must have another quality goalkeeper in his first team squad.

Steve Lawson made a welcome return to the State League after breaking a leg last year. He was signed last year by George Cross from Slavia for \$4,500 and when match fit, should resume his mantle as one of the best sweepers in the league.

His first goal came from a Colin Bartlett corner which was palmed onto the bar by a shaky Alan Contini and headed in by Ian Stirton.

Supper through ball in the 18th minute sent Paul Cridge clear. He kept his head and slotted the ball past the advancing Contini.

Nine minutes later Sunshine-George Cross hit back. A

superb Steve Richardson cross found unmarked Carl Gilder and the former Victorian state team striker made certain with a firm header.

A Gilder lay off in the 53rd minute into the path of the incoming Frank Mussel led to the equaliser. Mussel shooting hard, low and accurately from about 18 metres out.

Sunshine-George Cross is rumored to be interested in signing Ringwood Wilhelmina midfielder Joe Tront. The talented Tront has played with Victoria, Croydon, Mooroolbark, Croatia and Heidelberg United.



Sunshine-George Cross striker Carl Gilder.

ROODHOUSE SENT OFF

By LES SHORROCK

S.M. HELLAS 5 (Davidson, pens. 32nd & 46th, Bitsonis 42nd, Lawler o.g 67th, Kalambois 68th). **BOX HILL 0** at Middle Park, Sunday.

S.M. HELLAS: Parree 6, Davidson 7, Kakantonis 6, Kalitidis 8, Vardas 5 (sub Kaiser H.T.), van Egmond 6, Bozinovski 6 (sub Bitsonis H.T.), Kalogeros 6, Abraham 6, Patzakis 4, Kalambois 6.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 5, Gabrielson 5, I. Roodhouse (off 32nd), Lawler 7, A. Roodhouse 6, Davidson 5, Hughes 4, McLeod 5, Valentine 5, Verrachia 5, Azopardi 5.

Forget the score, this game ceased to be an even contest after half an hour.

That was when Box Hill goalkeeper, John McKinlay and full-back Ian Roodhouse collided with a South forward, and all three went down in a heap. Referee Brennan, to everyone's surprise, awarded a penalty, and then, in the face of heated Box Hill protests, sent off Ian Roodhouse.

The wheels fell off for the Hillmen as Danny Davidson easily converted and after the break, the expected avalanche of goals came as Box Hill's inexperienced outfit tried to stay in the game.

After John Bitsonis had scored South's second, another penalty was awarded as the ball eluded McKinlay and two Box Hill defenders palmed the ball off the line.

Davidson converted the second as easily as he had the first, and then the comedy of errors continued as a shot from Jim Kalambois that McKinlay seemed to have covered was diverted past him off Don Lawler's shoulder for the fourth.

A minute later, Jim Kalambois picked up a good through ball and raced on to plant the ball firmly past McKinlay, and Box Hill must have been thankful that the half lasted only 35 minutes. If it had gone another 10 minutes, South might have reached double figures.

It's difficult to find anything anything encouraging to say about Box Hill.

It's true it is negotiating with an experienced centre-half, Jack Trainer, and has another two imports in mind.

But on its Buffalo Cup performances it is about seven players short of being an average State League side, and if it kicks off its League programme in three weeks time with this lot, it will get slaughtered.

You have to feel sorry for coach Bill Murray, one of the nicer blokes in the game. He sits on the bench quietly growing an ulcer and discarding in learned fashion with assistant Keith Webster about long and short balls and playing to feet and all the rest of the text-book stuff whilst his charges are struggling to master the rudiments like trapping the ball and kicking it straight.

Not that South, on this showing at any rate, is much better. With George Hannah, Sean Rooney and Duncan Cummings out of last year's outfit, only Chris Kalafitidis and Danny Davidson looked the part, but of course, by the time the league season starts, Danny Jim Armstrong will have discarded most of these trialists, and with a couple of national league spares, South probably will occupy a respectable mid-table position.



South Melbourne Hellas sweeper Steve Kakantonis.

Polonia's 2nd team triumphs

At the annual Polish Sports Festival which was held at Lara Oval on February 20, State League club Polonia Maribymong had both its Seniors and Reserves reach the final with a goal scored by Andy Marshall, younger brother of Man Mountain Alex Marshall.

Seniors — Ostrowski, A. Czapiak, J. Pater, L. Van, G. Czapiak, Alex Marshall Jr, R. Kiplarski, Tirabassi, Lakic, Polita, S. Klain.

Reserves — Wierzbicki, Dimitrievski, Alex Marshall Sr, Andy Marshall, R. Noga, S. Noga, N. Ristefski, Nowak, Faciolo, Kerry, A. Adamczyk.

Polonia Maribymong will play its first game for the 1983 season on Sunday March 20 against Ampol Cup finalist, Green Gully at Maribymong Reserve.

England delayed

England soccer manager Bobby Robson has put back by one week his team's three-match summer tour of Australia.

Robson said the tour, originally due to begin in the first week of June, would now take place June 11 to 19.

He wanted his players to have "at least a few days' rest" after England's final match in the British Championship series against arch-rivals Scotland on June 1.

Robson said he hoped that the later dates for the games in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne could also enable him to field "a considerably stronger team" than originally planned. He now hopes players from English champions Liverpool will be available for selection.

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BUFFALO CUP Bennett, Irvine to clash in Buffalo semis?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Gerry Bennett and Steve Irvine could clash on Saturday at Middle Park in the Buffalo Cup semi-finals as they make their debuts for Sunshine-George Cross and Croydon respectively.

Bennett, signed by South Melbourne Hellas from Green Gully Ajax last year, was waiting for his clearance papers to arrive from national league headquarters in Sydney. After three weeks of negotiations he is set to sign with the Chaplin Reserve combine for a \$5,000 transfer fee.



Gerry Bennett

Irvine joined Croydon last Monday. Croydon coach Bill McArthur flew to America yesterday (Tuesday) on a two week business trip so assistant coach Colin Hassler will be in charge on Saturday.

Croydon and Sunshine-George Cross clash in the first of Saturday's semi-final double header, kicking off at 2pm. Croydon should win. It topped section "A" of the qualifying groups and was undefeated in four matches. Sunshine-George Cross, second place-getter in section "B" lost one match, 3-1 to South Melbourne Hellas, on its march into the semis.

Croydon will rely heavily on its central defensive pairing, Steve McCombe and Ian Dobson, to contain Sunshine-George Cross strikers Carl Gilder and Norrie Pate.

Irvine isn't the only addition to the striking strength of Croydon. Ace scorer Ian Loughane is back from holiday so coach Hassler has the happy problem of having a full, fit squad from which to choose his starting line-up. Albion Rovers and South

Melbourne Hellas clash in the second semi-final and Rovers boss Hugh Murney is oozing confidence.

"I'm not worried in the least by Hellas because I've played against them in the past and I've watched them often," he said.

"I know their style back to front. They play a lot of tippy-tappy, pretty stuff but usually get nowhere. That will suit us just fine. Hellas has got away with this style of play so far but not against Albion!"

That suggests that we're in for a fairly torrid encounter and there's no doubt that Albion will test the physical qualities of the younger, less experienced Hellas outfit.

"I'm still trying to remove large pieces of humble pie wedged in between my teeth after last week's prediction that Croydon would topple Albion and Polonia would win its way into the semis. This tipping business is fraught with danger. I'm tipping a draw here, extra time and penalties. Your guess is as good as mine with regard to the eventual outcome."



Alan Quin

Daperis to Dandenong

Dandenong City signed Jim Daperis from Doveton last weekend.

The diminutive Daperis previously played with South Melbourne Hellas, Albion Rovers and Western Suburbs.

Dandenong also has signed Gerry Connelly from Cranbourne. Connelly will be used either as a defender or midfielder.

Dandenong also is negotiating with a top flight striker and a midfielder and hopes to complete their signings by the weekend.

Some of the more promising youngsters at Dandenong include John van Dinteren, an 18 year old striker; Eddie Bell, a 19 year old striker; and Andrew Johnson, a 19 year old midfielder.

Dandenong launched its 1983 campaign for league success at its clubrooms last night (Tuesday). The launch involved the many sponsors who are right behind the club in its quest for glory.

Sandy signs Quin, little nabs winner

Sandringham City's new signing from Doveton, talented winger Alan Quin made his debut against Thomastown on Saturday in the Dockerty Cup.

Although Sandringham was beaten 1-0 it gave a good account of itself against its more prestigious opponent. Sandringham striker Brian Flaherty, ex-George Cross, Preston Macedonia and Kellor Austria, had an outstanding game.

Altona City featured four new signings in its 1-0 win over Kellor Austria on Saturday.

Rob Gramsbergen and Gary Smith from Sunshine-George Cross, Tony Hamill from Moreland and Peter Scarlett from Kellor Austria were the new men in Altona colors.

Nat Little scored Altona's winner in the 41st minute after receiving a superb pass from Steve Jones.

KNOX CITY 1 (Smith 85th)
Ringwood United 3 (Remmers 20th, 37th, Sinclair 25th)

KNOX: Wright (Turcinovic 45 min), Murray Dixon, Schroeder, Rodda, Robb, D. Smith, Bisinger, Robertson (Lesabirel 45 min), Thomson House.

RINGWOOD: Lesabirel, Currucci, Bjelogric, J. Remmers, Bailey, Haggan, Varnet, Sinclair, Dajenovic, B. Remmers.

BEST PLAYERS Ringwood: B. Remmers, Dajenovic, Lesabirel. **Knox:** D. Smith, Lesabirel, Schroeder.

Both had to field weak sides due to non-availability of signed players. The inexperience of 16 yr old Wright soon cost Knox goals and whilst having a lot of the play it couldn't do anything right.

At half time, Turcinovic replaced Wright and Lesabirel replaced Robertson. Knox

then had all the play with Ringwood only crossing the halfway line about five times.

United was quite content to just defend its lead by mass defence which made chances for Knox very few.

The goal of the game was a fierce drive by Duncan Smith over the keeper's head for a late consolation.

Dockerty Cup results:

Kellor Austria 0 Altona City 1; Springfield City 3 Coburg 0; South Oakleigh 3 Waverley City 1; Moreland 4 Doncaster Rovers 0; Knox City 0 St Albans 2; Kaitang United 1 Brighton 3; Yallourn 1 Reservoir 2; Sunbury United 1 Prahran Slavie 0; Thomastown 1 Sandringham City 0; Melbourne 5 Hamlyn Rangers 1; Nunawading City 1 Richmond 2; Broadmeadows 5 Moorabbin 0; Moorabbin 1 Footscray J.U.S.T. 3; Royal Richmond 2 Hawthorn 3; Preston Macedonia 3 Caulfield City 4; Knox City 1 Ringwood United 3; Sorbia 3.

Amateur League Cup results:

Waverley 2 Southern Cross 3; Sandhurst 2 Balclutha 1; Maccabi 4 Kooragang 1; Concordia 1 Melbourne United 2; South Parkmore 0 Chadstone 0; Meadow Park 0 Balaclava City 3; RMIT 1 West United 3; Asot United 0 Postal Institute 1; Epping Thistle 3 Endeavour Hills 1; Latrobe Uni 4 St Bernards 2.

Amateur League Reserve Cup results:

Concordia 0 Mulgrave 1; Maccabi 8 Asot United 2; St Bernards 0 Chadstone 6; Balaclava City 1 Balaclava 0; West United 1 Waverley United 0; North Melbourne 2 Kooragang 1; South Parkmore 4 Epping Thistle 2; Southern Cross 1 Endeavour Hills 6; Westall 0 Vermont 1.

Palinkas joins Fawkner

By LAURIE SCHWAB

FAWKNER 2 (Tuffield 3rd, 15th) POLONIA 1 (Przybyla 31st) at Jukes Road, Saturday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 6 — C. Petrov 6, Gooney 7, Fattore 6, Schipano 5 — Mainenti 6, Boziskas 6, C. Sabidussi 6 (Palmaricciotti 56th) — Palinkas 6, Tuffield 7, Kojic.

POLONIA: Dachs (Dzielakowski 16th) — Liparski 6, Innes 6, A. Czaplak 6, Smolarek 6 — P. Czaplak 5 (inf. Jaworski 48th), G. Petrov 5 — Latic 5, Przybyla 8, Marshall 6.

Fawkner's star recruit from Brisbane City, winger Joe Palinkas, made his debut as the Italian sponsored club paid to Polonia's hopes of reaching the Buffalo Cup semi-finals.

Palinkas is on loan to Fawkner for \$2,250. At the end of the season Fawkner will have first option on buying Palinkas. Should Fawkner buy him, its \$2,250 loan fee will be regarded as a down payment on the \$12,000 on Palinkas' head.

Palinkas played junior and senior soccer with Melbourne



Fawkner recruit Joe Palinkas, in action for his former club Footscray J.U.S.T.

Hungaria before switching to St George. He returned to Melbourne and joined Footscray J.U.S.T. until late 1979 when he was sold to Brisbane City for \$17,500.

Against Polonia, Palinkas played too deep and Fawkner supporters didn't get a chance to see his pace and attacking ability at its best. However, Palinkas twice went close to scoring. A Milan Kojic back header in the 31st minute found Palinkas, at full stretch, pushing the ball wide. Then huge Polonia keeper Leszek Dzielakowski, a 16th minute replacement for shaky Grech-Dachs, made a good save in the 40th minute to deny Palinkas from striking from close range.

Polonia must be kicking itself though, at not clinching a semi berth. Its striker, Janusz Przybyla, the man of the match, could have scored four goals. Przybyla pulled a goal back in the first half after the Polish sponsored club had gone 2-0 down inside 15 minutes. Big Alex Marshall stormed in to goal but Rob Terzini did well to smother. He was helpless, however, as Przybyla stroked the rebound into the gaping goal.

Przybyla's most glaring miss came in the second half. With Terzini well beaten the Polonia striker shot against the post.

In Tuffield's two early goals were decisive. His first, in the 3rd minute stunned Polonia. His second, 12 minutes later, showed tremendous maturity. Carlo Sabidussi's free kick struck the bar. Tuffield pounced on the rebound, rounded Dachs and shot into the empty net.

Tony Mainenti almost got onto the scoresheet in an in-

glorious fashion in the first half when his job back to Terzini hit the bar.

Fawkner coach Cedo Cirkovic admits that his huge first team squad will have to be pruned. Cirkovic won't place anyone on the transfer list until all squad members are fit and available. Then the job of sifting through the players and deciding who to keep will be done.

At present the first team squad numbers 19 — Rob Terzini, Milan Kojic, Mel Anselmi, Les Gooney, Cesare Fattore, Tony Schipano, Joe Palinkas, Bruno and Carlo Sabidussi, Andy Boziskas, Ian Tuffield, Milan Kojic, Mel Anselmi, Rajko Curcija, John Sannipoli, Slobodan Popovic, Tony Mainenti, Chris Petrov and Robert Palmaricciotti.

Diamataris to move?

Striker Phil Diamataris from Metro First Division club Melbourne could be on the move.

The talented 22 year old represented Victoria during the national youth championships after an extensive junior career which started with South Melbourne Hellas at under-10 level.

Diamataris played with Melbourne's under-16's then progressed to senior competition with the Hungarian sponsored club and was leading scorer in the 1980 and 1982 seasons.

He has a maximum transfer fee in his contract of \$1,500 and can be contacted at work on 520 5555 (extension 517) or at home on 659 6736.

Metro League Cup draw, second preliminary round, to be played on weekend of March 5, 6 on grounds of first named clubs:

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
(Kick-off 2.45 pm)
Port Melbourne v Preston or Nth Dandenong; Eltham v Karingal or Farnree Gully; Caulfield City v 5th Oakleigh or Doncaster; Coburg v Ardeer of Footscray; Thomastown or Greenborough v Sandringham; Rosanna v Royal Richmond or Brighton; Moorabbin or Rosebud v Nth Geelong or Mornington; Essendon City v Frankston; Pines or Springvale City; Hamlyn Rangers or Sunbury v Heidelberg Bundoora; Geelong or Western Suburbs v Bell Park or Richmond; Moorabbin v Altona Gate of Altona City; Moreland or Broadmeadows v Dandenong City or Waverley City; Werribee or Knox City v Melbourne or Kellor Austria; Yallourn or Kew Park Rangers; St. Albans or Keyborough v Heidelberg Utd or Langwarrin.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6
(Kick-off 3 pm)
Prahran v Nunawading City or Ringwood United Serbia.

Provisional League Cup draw, second preliminary round, on grounds of first named clubs:

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
(Kick-off 2.45 pm)
Regent or Albion Utd v Geelong Utd or Ballarat; West Brunswick v Port Utd v Dallas City or Monash Utd; Yarraville or Malvern City v Brunswick City or Abbotsford; Tassie; Bulleen or Pascoe Vale v Clarinda; Kooragang or Kyneton; Clayton or Hawthorn v Loral Utd; Mordialloc Clarinda or Dingley v 5th Yarra or East Carlton; Holland Park or Berwick v Melton or Diamond Valley; East Brunswick or Burnley v Springvale Utd; West Geelong v Utd of Melbourne or Nunawading Utd; Carlton v Macleod Utd; Nth Sunahine v Moe Utd; Barmen Utd or Hampton Wanderers v Boroona or Cranbourne; Monbulk v West Melbourne; Parkmore or Mitcham v Lyndale Utd; Clifton Hill or Central City v 5th Dandenong or Mossfield; Seaford Utd or Langwarrin v Murrumbidgee or Cheltenham.

Provisional League Reserve Cup draw, second preliminary round, on grounds of first named clubs:

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
(Kick-off 1 pm)
Mordialloc Clarinda v Cheltenham; Holland Park or Parkmore v Clifton Hill or Nth Sunahine; Cranbourne or West Brunswick v Albion Utd or Nunawading Utd; Berwick v Hampton Wanderers; Melburn City or East Brunswick v Ballarat; Hawthorn or Burnley v Central City or Lyndale; Moe Utd v Pascoe Vale or Clarinda; Kooragang; East Carlton v Langwarrin or Loral Utd; Monbulk v Boroona or Dallas City; 5th Dandenong v Barmen Utd or Bulleen; Macleod United v Geelong Utd; West Geelong v Brunswick City or Monash Utd; Regent or Yarraville v Dingley; Uni of Melbourne or Clayton v Carlton or Mossfield; Abbotsford v Diamond Valley or Mitcham; 5th Yarra or Melton v Springvale Utd or Seaford Utd.

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domenica prossima all'Olympic Park ci sarà l'atto finale della Ampol Cup 1983, una competizione che quest'anno ha raggiunto alti livelli di interesse e di pubblico, a causa principalmente della partecipazione delle quattro squadre della Lega Nazionale, che, assieme alle prime quattro della Lega Statale, hanno dato vita ad un torneo, interessante, tecnicamente elevato a carico di campianismo.

Oltre alla competizione in se stessa c'erano i duelli fra le due leghe che cercavano di imporre o di annullare la supremazia fino ad ora rivendicata dalla Lega Nazionale. E' sintomatico a questo proposito confrontare alcune dichiarazioni di McKendry, allenatore del Green Gully ed ex del Hei-

delberg. Quando egli era alla guida della squadra greca di Lega Nazionale, egli aveva dichiarato che il diario fra questa e la Lega Statale era incolmabile. Venerdì scorso, dopo la facile vittoria della sua squadra presente contro il South Melbourne, gli è stata ricordata questa sua precedente dichiarazione. Dopo uno scherzoso "Sono stato io a riempire il vuoto", egli ha detto che molti giocatori della Lega Statale sono tecnicamente uguali a quelli della Lega Nazionale, la differenza invece verrebbe riscontrata nella preparazione e nel grado di professionismo delle due leghe.

La settimana scorsa egli ha detto - a Green Gully ci siamo allenati tutte le sere per due ore e due ore anche la domenica mattina".

Il risultato è che domenica il Green Gully disputerà la

finale contro l'Heidelberg e incasserà in totale qualcosa come \$30.000. E poiché i soldi sono un ingrediente importantissimo del successo di una squadra e il Green Gully aveva già vinto in anni recenti questa competizione, è facile dedurre come questa squadra senza tradizioni, senza pubblico e senza fronzoli sia andata così bene in tempi recenti.

Oltre ai soldi, il successo nella prima competizione importante dell'anno rende molto vero il detto "Chi ben comincia è alla metà dell'opera". Giocatori, tecnici, dirigenti, e sostenitori in generale vengono invasi da quella euforia che dice molto bene per il resto dell'anno: le prestazioni continuano ad alto livello, il lavoro dà più soddisfazione e le quote di tesseramento vengono sborsate con piacere. Gully Senza contare gli spon-

sors in Predicato che così hanno la certezza di mettere i loro soldi sulla carta vincente proprio nel periodo che stanno considerando la loro partecipazione o meno in questa avventura pubblicitaria.

Per il Green Gully quindi i \$30.000 dell'Amпол Cup non sono altro che l'inizio di un successo sportivo e finanziario che si moltiplicherà durante l'anno.

Il Morwell che, ricordiamo, era l'anno scorso la matricola della Lega Statale e che all'inizio di quest'anno ha operato un largo programma di ricostruzione della squadra, non era certo in condizioni ideali per ambire ai turni finali dell'Amпол Cup e il suo comportamento nei fasi eliminatorie è stato più che meritorio, mentre i circa \$10.000 di incassi rappresentano un bonus alla sua cassa già ben fornita.

Per la Juventus il discorso è invece molto diverso, come la necessità di incassi e di successo è anche molto maggiore.

"La vecchia signora" con la squadra che aveva finito al terzo posto l'anno scorso, più qualche sapiente aggiunta avrebbe potuto fare indubbiamente quello che ha fatto il Green Gully. E il comitato era stato ben avvisato per tempo dei grossi guadagni e favolosi vantaggi che una prestazione vincente nell'Amпол Cup avrebbe procurato al club in quest'anno decisivo.

Infatti già prima della fine del campionato scorso si era cercato di chiarire la posizione dell'allora allenatore Boggi per decidere quindi la composizione della squadra, finalizzandola al più presto possibile per cominciare una preparazione adatta alla Ampol Cup. Una squadra più o meno stabilita ed una buona preparazione sono infatti i cardini del successo della Ampol Cup, poiché la maggior parte delle altre squadre stanno ancora a corto di preparazione e con formazioni da rimangiarsi.

Invece, dopo l'assunzione dell'allenatore Margaris, la Juventus andò praticamente in vacanza. La campagna acquisti non diede segno di movimento fino all'inizio della Ampol Cup e la preparazione non fu certo delle migliori, limitandosi ad un paio di settimane di allenamento e a due partitelle amichevoli.

Margaritis iniziò quindi la competizione con alcuni ruoli ancora scoperti, come quella del centromediano che fu coperta solo nella terza partita con l'acquisto di Drinockzy; alcuni giocatori senza allenamento e senza intesa con il resto dei compagni, come Rogers che esordì nell'amichevole contro il Sunshine appena due giorni prima dell'inizio dell'Amпол Cup; e con schemi ancora da provare, specialmente in attacco dove egli contava molto su Heery e French.

Se gli acquisti fossero stati fatti molto prima, poiché i giocatori erano facilmente individuabili fin da Novembre (ma purtroppo Margaritis ufficialmente non cominciava fino a Gennaio), se la preparazione fosse stata più lunga e se ci fosse stata una buona serie di partite d'allenamento, la Juventus si sarebbe presentata alla partenza della Ampol Cup con una squadra completa, ben preparata e ben affiatata e i risultati sarebbero stati molto diversi indubbiamente.

I \$30.000, o più di lì, avrebbero dato una potente iniezione

It's Ardeer v Box Hill



Ardeer's under-13s, back row: Richard Antczak, Darren Bodnarski, Peter Redos, Brac Redos, Mike Peric, Zoran Stajkovic, Frank Kuczynski (coach), Jason Koliba, Steve Melkiewicz, Mark Sady, Peter Christo, Stan Koliba (assistant coach). Front row: Gary Hasler (assistant coach), Henry Blicharz, Gary Hasler, Shane Maschewski, Mark Kyrich, Dragan Aralica, Andrew Mazur, Paul Kedleck, Ivan Kaunda.

Ardeer will meet Box Hill in the final of the 1983 Victorian Junior Ampol Cup for under-13s. The venue and date for the clash is yet to be decided.

The Ardeer boys showed tremendous ability and fighting spirit to come through a tough qualifying battle in November last year and the average age of the boys is just over 11 years old.

These boys faced older, more accomplished opponents yet came through with flying colours. In their semi-final they accounted for

Lalor United after a nail biting penalty showdown.

The coaching staff deserves a pat on the back. Stan Kuczynski, with assistance from Stan Koliba and Gary Hasler, have done a fine job in preparing the team.

The Ardeer committee of management congratulates the boys on their outstanding achievement in reaching the final. Thanks also go to the many sponsors who have supported the club. A special mention must be made of the backing from the Jam Factory Shopping Centre in Chapel Street, Prahran. Other sponsors include Action World Sport Store, Junction Tool Supplies, Northern Salvage, S.J. Industrial Supplies, Indeng, Union Steel and the Ardeer All Stars.

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